

Harsh words for 'Mossad misinformation' and Israel's desire 'to dominate'

Iraqi envoy sees no sign of Israeli sympathy

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LONDON. — The Iraqi ambassador here yesterday slammed reports of a growing rapprochement between Israel and Iraq as "Mossad disinformation," adding that there was no prospect of any warming of relations "as long as Israel continues to arm Iran to the teeth."

Ambassador Mohammed Sadiq al-Mashat told *The Jerusalem Post* that he paid scant heed to Foreign Minister Peres's recent statements condemning the Khomeini regime and praising Iraq for confronting fundamentalism.

"I hear the words, but where is the action?" he asked, charging that Israel has been sending arms to Iran from the start of the conflict, and that the entire Iraq-Iran war was sparked by Israel's desire to "cripple and divide Iraq" and to "dominate and expand their reign in the whole area."

Al-Mashat dismissed out of hand suggestions that Israeli arms are being sold to Iraq or might be in the future. "Unlike Khomeini, we buy

our arms openly," he said, naming the Soviet Union and France as major suppliers. "We have purchased not a single bullet on the black market."

Al-Mashat, who spoke to *The Post* after addressing a luncheon of the British Diplomatic and Commonwealth Writers Association, asserted that "Israel does not want peace." He agreed that some sections of the Israeli public support a withdrawal from the West Bank and Gaza, but believed that they were "only a small slice of the pie."

The ambassador claimed that the Khomeini regime had been installed in Teheran as part of a Western effort "to use religion to fight communism." That was the plan, but Israeli intelligence turned the Iranian tide against Iraq, to stop, divide and finish Iraq," Israel, he added, was the only beneficiary of the continued fighting.

Al-Mashat claimed that the "Mossad disinformation" concerning Israeli-Iraqi ties was actually designed for the Ayatollah's benefit. "The war is very unpopular within Iran," he explained, apparently suggesting that the notion of Israeli-Iraqi alliance would spur Iranian enthusiasm for continued conflict.

Fatal stabbings in Jerusalem

Jerusalem Post Staff

Two Jewish supermarket employees were murdered late last night in a parking lot underneath the Mivim restaurant near the Hamashbir building in downtown Jerusalem.

Sources at the scene said supermarket manager Rafi Weitzman and the store's security guard, Zechariya Maimoni, had been stabbed, though police were still investigating how the murders took place.

The employees worked in the supermarket on the basement floor of the Hamashbir building. The motive for the attack was not immediately known.

Progress in KH talks but outpatient clinics closed

Kupat Holim Clalit hospital doctors will today keep all outpatient clinics closed, as they were yesterday, as part of continuing sanctions against the health fund's management.

The doctors decided last night to proceed with the sanctions despite "progress" in negotiations with management late last night. However, all operating rooms will function as normal. There was no non-emergency surgery two days this week.

Negotiations were in progress last night between the doctors' representatives and management in an effort to end the sanctions, now in their seventh week. The physicians have been demanding the right to decide how a second shift will be instituted in the hospitals' operating rooms and clinics.

Hussein in Damascus to work on Assad's sulha with Baghdad rival

AMMAN (Reuters). — Jordan's King Hussein flew to Damascus yesterday to try to speed up a reconciliation between presidents Hafez Assad of Syria and Saddam Hussein of Iraq.

The official news agency Petra said the king would discuss implementation of decisions taken at the Arab summit in Amman two weeks ago, where the Jordanian leader arranged a meeting to break the ice between the Syrian and Iraqi leaders.

Diplomats said the king, who opened talks with Assad shortly after his arrival, was expected to push for an early resumption of diplomatic ties between the two neighboring Arab countries, broken since Syria backed non-Arab Iran in the Gulf war.

Syria's backing for Iran since 1980 was a main obstacle in earlier Jordanian attempts to bridge the gap between the two men who have been at personal and ideological loggerheads for almost 20 years.

King Hussein sees a reconciliation between Damascus and Baghdad, ruled by rival wings of the pan-Arab Baath party, as a precondition for ending the seven-year-old Gulf war.

Assad appeared to open the door for better relations by acquiescing in summit resolutions which condemned Iran for not heading a UN-ordered truce and expressed solidarity with Iraq.

Syrian Foreign Minister Farouq al-Shara said in Damascus last week Syria would continue its efforts to end the Gulf war which has started spilling over into neighboring Arab states.

Since the Arab League meeting, news media in Damascus and Baghdad have quenched their normal torrent of mutual abuse and a group of top Syrian businessmen flew to Iraq on Saturday for talks they said would include possible resumption of trade ties.

Diplomats in Damascus said the trade team went to Baghdad despite a formal ban on travel to Iraq.

Foreign Minister Taher al-Masri was reported on Monday as saying King Hussein would also travel to Baghdad to encourage Syria and Iraq to hold bilateral talks on normalizing relations.

Masri told the Paris-based news magazine *Al-Mustakbal* that an early resumption of diplomatic relations was on the cards.

Asked about reports that ties may be resumed within two weeks, he said: "Yes. The convention is to restore diplomatic ties as a first step in normalizing relations between two countries."

Israeli role alleged in smuggling of tank technology out of U.S.

By WOLF BLITZER

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WASHINGTON. — The U.S. Justice Department has accused Israel of participating in a conspiracy to smuggle restricted technology for the manufacture of tank cannon barrels out of the U.S.

The Israeli Embassy in Washington has flatly denied the allegation. "We are confident that any review will establish that Israel Military Industries (IMI) and the government of Israel and its employees had acted in full compliance with U.S. laws

and regulations," embassy spokesman Yossi Gal said.

The Pentagon, as of late yesterday afternoon, had not yet issued any formal statement on the dispute, which resurfaced on Tuesday when the Justice Department announced that a Connecticut company, Napco Inc., had agreed to pay \$750,000 in fines for violating U.S. export law by smuggling equipment and technology to Israel for manufacture of the 120 mm. tank barrel cannons.

The guilty plea followed a two-year investigation by the Justice Department, the Customs Service and other U.S. law-enforcement agencies.

The new technology enables the tank barrels to be produced faster, and at less cost, than older processes. In addition, the court papers said, the process results in a cannon "with greater range, more accuracy, and a life expectancy of 800-1,500 rounds," as opposed to the older version's only 200 rounds.

"As known to Napco," the court (Continued on Back Page)

Spy chiefs gather to honour Israel's former friend in CIA

By ANDY COURT

For *The Jerusalem Post*
It looked like an ordinary tree-planting ceremony, except that the well-dressed, middle-aged men, some of whom arrived in Volvos and Pogeots with special antennas, seemed to know one another particularly well.

Some of the cars had diplomatic plates. Some of the young men on the periphery had plugs in their ears. Border Policemen surrounded the area, one of them walking a dog through the upturned field.

The defence minister and the American ambassador were there. Newspaper photographers were not. It seemed to be the wrong place to ask an obvious question.

"What is he doing now?" one attempted.

"I don't want to know," someone replied.

The past and present heads of Israel's security services gathered yesterday on a hill near Mevaseret Zion, in the Jerusalem corridor, to pay tribute to James Jesus ("Jim") Angleton, the CIA's former chief of counter-intelligence, who developed a special relationship with Israel when relations between Washington and Jerusalem were at their lowest ebb. The purpose of the unusual gathering was to dedicate a memorial forest in his name. He died eight months ago at the age of 69, having left the CIA 10 years earlier.

Angleton played a key role in strengthening relations between the CIA and Israel's fledgling intelligence services from the 1950s on, former intelligence officials say. He was an important ally in the highest echelons of the American administration at a time when almost all other channels in Washington were unresponsive to Israel. He was the right-hand man of CIA chief Allen Dulles, the brother of John Foster Dulles, the U.S. secretary of state at the time who never forgave Israel for its collusion with France and Britain during the 1956 Suez campaign, behind Washington's back.

The list of those attending yesterday's ceremony would make up a "Who's Who" of the Israeli secret services: former Mossad chiefs Meir Amit, Zvi Zamir, and Yitzhak Harel; former military intelligence chiefs Aharon Yashai, Shlomo Gazit, and Binjamin Gibli; former GSS heads Avraham Abituv and Amos Manor.

Angleton "was a friend you could trust on a personal basis," Defence Minister Rabin said at the ceremony. Rabin knew Angleton from the days when he was Israel's ambassador to the U.S. in 1968-73.

The current heads of the security services were there, too, but no one was inclined to mention their names.

The American guests at the assembly included U.S. Ambassador



Memorial stone in the James Angleton Garden dedicated in Jerusalem yesterday in honour of the former CIA chief of counter-intelligence (right) (Media)



Thomas Pickering and Angleton's wife, Cicely. One of Angleton's daughters — Guru Sangat Kaur — is an American Sikh, whose all-white outfit added to the intrigue of the event. Angleton's granddaughter — Guru Sadhana Kaur — was dressed just like her mother.

Guests at the ceremony talked about Angleton's love of orchids, and of the unusual jewelry he had hand-made for his friends. There was less talk about the business side (Continued on Back Page)

Six soldiers killed

Terrorists on gliders strike army camp

A terror gang which arrived by glider from Lebanon last night attacked an army camp next to the Gabor junction near Kiryat Shmona, according to an AFP report.

The report said the terrorists landed at about 10 p.m. at the camp and immediately opened fire.

Six IDF soldiers were killed in the attack, according to informed sources quoted by the news agency. It said the IDF reported "many casualties", and gave no further details, though it said the exchange of fire continued late into the night. AFP said it was not immediately known last

night how many terrorists took part in the attack and to which group they belonged.

The area was completely closed off by the IDF and helicopters and troop reinforcements were rushed to the scene, AFP said.

Several years ago a Palestinian terrorist flew a glider into Israel near the Lebanese border. He immediately gave himself up to the IDF.

In April 1981, terrorists tried a similar infiltration using a hot air balloon in the northeast of the Galilee. The balloon was shot down several dozen metres from the border and its crew of two were killed.

IBA staffers charge Porat foiled return of broadcasts

By JEFF BLACK

For *The Jerusalem Post*
Furious Broadcasting Authority journalists stormed out of a meeting late last night with the IBA management after an acrimonious day of accusations and counter-accusations whose result was the continuation of the seven-week shut-down of Israel Television and Radio.

The journalists' walkout came in the middle of IBA director-general Uri Porat's explanation of new plans for television and radio. These plans, which were leaked to some Hebrew papers yesterday by an IBA official, led to the journalists refusing to approve the agreement reached Tuesday night which would have ended the strike.

According to the journalists, the plans will change the structure and content of television and radio programmes and create an impression of overstaffing. The journalists argued that it was impossible to negotiate an agreement to go to arbitration one minute, and then, seconds later, introduce new conditions to take effect during the arbitration period.

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Rosalyn Gelcer, senior announcer in Israeli Radio's English Department, is tugged by her impatient daughters as she listens intently to developments yesterday at strike headquarters for IBA staffers at Jerusalem's Beit Agron. (P. Tiktiner/Media)

Nissim won't loosen his purse strings until Arab local councils end strike

By ELAINE RUTH FLETCHER

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Finance Minister Moshe Nissim won't release any funds to Arab municipalities until they end their strike, officials said yesterday.

The decision followed a demonstration by about 130 Arab municipal officials at the Interior Ministry yesterday, the fourth day of the strike. The officials drove to Jerusalem from towns and villages in the Triangle and Galilee in a convoy of some 50 cars and turned in their municipal office keys to the Interior Ministry. Arab municipal leaders also called yesterday on students to stay away from school for the rest of the week.

However, two small villages in Galilee, Kfar Bani and Sha'ab, said they would respond to the government's call to end the strike.

At the demonstration in front of the Interior Ministry, a dozen MKs

from Mapam, Rakah, and the Citizens Rights Movement appeared to give support to the strikers.

When police barred the demonstrators from entering the ministry, Alignment Minister-without-Portfolio Ezer Weizman, formerly in charge of Arab affairs, strode through the crowd into the building. He soon emerged with an announcement that the ministry's director-general, Aryeh Deri, would meet with the municipal leaders.

Deri told the municipal officials that some allocations were to have been distributed yesterday, but had been delayed by bureaucratic snags in the Finance Ministry.

Deri said that some NIS 2.5 million had been added to this year's development budget of NIS 7.5 million. The government was ready to begin audits and to cover the entire deficit in the most deeply troubled 22 municipalities, he said.

But Arab council heads continued to insist that the Interior Ministry deal with the deficits of all 48 local councils at the same time. The leaders also said that Deri's remarks did not respond to their more fundamental complaint — that their councils receive only 25 per cent of the local budget allocations that Jewish local councils of comparable size receive.

Because of the inequities, councils can't live within their budgets, and some haven't paid salaries since September, they said.

At the close of the meeting, Mohammed Ghanaim, council head of Saknin, handed Deri an envelope containing the keys to their municipal buildings. Deri rose and walked out of the room, leaving the keys on the table.

The strike is scheduled to end on Friday.

Labour pressured on WZO candidate

By CHARLES HOFFMAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Labour Party leaders were meeting late last night to decide the political fate of Akiva Lewinsky, amid mounting pressure from several groups in the party that he withdraw as a candidate for chairman of the (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

Jakobovits: Tora scholars reject 'uniqueness' of Holocaust

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Despite widespread acceptance of the Holocaust as a tragedy unique in Jewish history, leading Tora scholars are "unanimous" in "denying the uniqueness of the Holocaust as an event different... from any previous national catastrophe," according to British Chief Rabbi Sir Immanuel Jakobovits.

The British chief rabbi noted that this was the case, despite the existence of what he described as "an entire industry, with handsome profits for writers, researchers, filmmakers, monument builders, museum planners and even politicians." He added that some rabbis and

theologians were "partners in this big business."

The theme of Jakobovits's "B'nai B'rith Jerusalem Address" last night was "Religious Response to the Holocaust: Retrospect and Prospect." For him, rebuilding is far more important than remembering. The survivors, he said, could only overcome the past and focus on the future by "recognizing in the Holocaust a replication of Jewish history's cycle of appalling catastrophes followed by survival and regeneration."

Referring to that section of Tora leadership which was "hardest hit" by the catastrophe of European Jewry, the hassidic and yeshiva worlds, he said that it was rabbis from those sectors who were least

concerned about commemorating the catastrophe with special prayers or fast days. The hundreds, if not thousands, of Tora luminaries who perished are "seemingly unremembered."

This follows, he noted, the halachic response of two of the greatest sages of the period, the Rabbi of Brisk (Rabbi Velvi Soloveitchik) and the Hazon Ish (Rabbi Avraham Karelitz), who opposed any commemoration other than that already observed on Tisha be'Av.

Jakobovits speculated that the Hazon Ish objected to establishing a special anniversary for remembering the Holocaust because he feared that the day would be "appropriated in a secular format." If so, he added,

this is indeed what has happened.

To be sure, the British chief rabbi said, there were Tora scholars who searched for reasons for this catastrophe. One such scholar, formerly a bitter opponent of Zionism, concluded that anti-Zionism was the source of the evil. Another argued that the visit of the Mufti to Germany in 1942, in his frenzied efforts to prevent Jewish immigration to Palestine, set in motion the extermination.

More than one scholar saw assimilation, emancipation, religious reform and lack of faith as the cause of the tragedy. As for the results of the Holocaust, Jakobovits expressed his own conviction that the State of Is-

rael would not have come into being had it not been for this tragedy.

As for the future, he warned against a view of Judaism in which the Holocaust assumed a central role.

"Would it not be a catastrophic perversion of the Jewish spirit if brooding over the Holocaust were to become a substantial element in the Jewish purpose, and if the anxiety to prevent another Holocaust were to be relied upon as an essential incentive for Jewish activity?"

He called for a shift in emphasis from "the survival of Jews to the survival of Judaism. For without Judaism, Jewish survival is both questionable and meaningless."

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Charges fly in Knesset row between Likud and Labour over bill to reform IBA

Little love lost as coalition partners rev up for election year

By DVORAH GETZLER

Post Knesset Reporter

The Likud and Labour partners in the faltering national unity government went at each other hammer and tongs in the Knesset yesterday, as the smoke of the 1988 election fires curled into the thickening air.

The row broke out after Premier Shamir suddenly ordered the withdrawal of a government bill on the Israel Broadcasting Authority which the Likud alleges Labour had slipped past it in the committee stages earlier this week.

Coalition chairman Rafi Edri (Labour) hastily summoned a press conference. Shamir's action, he said, was "ugly and aggressive." His behaviour had "disgraced the Knesset and shamed the public it represented. He has opened the election campaign in the ugliest possible manner."

This signals a "breakdown of all cooperation within the coalition," Edri, who is also Labour Party faction head, said.

There was "no precedent for such behaviour on the part of a prime minister," said Labour's secretary-general Uzi Baram, adding that the Likud had been

"responsible for the anarchy in the IBA and now wanted to give that anarchy legitimacy. The Likud has torpedoed all attempts to put the IBA's house in order for the past five months."

Earlier in the day the Likud was in a ferment of mass mobilization as it tried to muster a majority to defeat the second and third readings of the bill to reform the IBA.

Labour, its spokesman claimed, had used the party's majority in the Education Committee where the bill was being processed to buy off two opposition parties' objections to the bill, and had thus railroaded it through over Likud objections.

The Progressive List for Peace had been assured that the reformed board of management would include an Arab representative, and the Citizens Rights Movement, which wants the powers of various officials on the board to be clearly defined, had been promised that this would be taken care of "soon," the Likud alleged.

A Labour spokesman claimed later that "no such promises were made."

"Navon wants a weak IBA head, with undefined

powers, whom he can push around in an election year," a Likud spokesman claimed, referring to Education Minister Yitzhak Navon.

"The bill they're going to submit is not the government's bill at all. We have to stop it."

As the day went on, it became increasingly clear that the Likud would not have a majority to block the Labour move.

Edri called Shamir at lunch-time to tell him that the bill was being put on the agenda as the last item for the day.

Shamir asked that this not be done. But Edri maintained that, as coalition chairman, his responsibility was to see that government business went through the Knesset, and he had no intention of pulling back.

The Likud, however, still had a trick or two up its sleeve. And they were to be played by two past masters in the art of parliamentary strategy — Deputy Minister Ronni Milo, and Transport Minister Haim Corfu.

A jubilant Milo revelled in filibustering during a prolonged reply to a motion of no-confidence moved by the PLP's Matityahu Peled, and revelled even more

in boasting of his skills to journalists at the end of the session.

The aim was to outlast Labour's Deputy Speaker Aharon Nahmias's chairing of the session, and see him replaced in the chair by the Likud's Eliezer Shostak.

And the ruse worked.

As Shostak called for the bill to be presented, Corfu suddenly rose.

The Likud minister responsible for liaison between the government and the Knesset spoke only one sentence. "The government is withdrawing the bill."

A stupefied Navon could only gasp: "What's all this?"

"It's the prime minister's request," Corfu said.

"In that case, there's nothing to discuss. The session is closed," Shostak smiled, banging down his gavel.

But the Likud was also quick to issue its justification: Labour's effort to change the bill had been a tissue of lies, the Likud claimed. "They behaved like thieves in the night over this bill."

"The Likud must now weigh whether it is not time to expel Labour from the coalition."

Police question Demjanjuk's son-in-law

By ERNIE MEYER

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Edward N. Nishnic son-in-law of John Demjanjuk was yesterday questioned by police and asked to sign a statement, after the court trying John Demjanjuk recommended that the person who threatened defence witness William Flynn with legal action for breach of contract if he continued testifying, be investigated for suborning a witness.

Nishnic, 32, son-in-law of the accused and the president and administrator of the John Demjanjuk Defence Fund is the chief fund raiser for the fund and thus controls the purse strings.

"If Flynn continues to testify there will be legal steps," Nishnic told *The Jerusalem Post* during recess yesterday, before the bench made its announcement. Asked whether this did not amount to threatening a witness, he replied: "No, a contract is a contract."

This development resulted from the previous day's plea by the defence to have all Flynn's testimony stricken from the record. Defence counsel Yoram Sheftel had said that he was taking that step because the court had failed to accept an album prepared by the witness as evidence.

On Tuesday, Flynn had under protest continued to answer questions put to him in cross-examination by prosecutor Michael Shaked. But yesterday, apparently on instructions from Nishnic, he stiffened his attitude.

"I'm in legal jeopardy," said Flynn. "What was only potential yesterday is a fact today. Last night I called my attorneys. If I testify, I could be sued in the U.S. by my employers; if I do not testify I could go to jail here."

Said court president Dov Levin: "Don't worry, Mr. Flynn, you need not fear jail here. Who told you that you could be sued for breach of contract?"

Flynn: "The defence fund, Nishnic told me." (Nishnic told *The Post* that he had decided to take this step to show the world what he considers the court's partiality to the prosecution.)

Levin continued: "Perhaps we should take a recess and talk to that person, Mr. Nishnic, before we decide."

At this Sheftel intervened and said: "I don't think it's the way Flynn says."

Levin: "The law forbids anyone to interfere with legal proceedings."



Edward N. Nishnic (J. Arzi/Media)

Perhaps you need an Israeli lawyer for him.

The court then decided to play the cassette recording of remarks Flynn had made at a seminar on the White Salamander case held in Palm Springs this October.

Shaked asked the witness whether he was willing to identify his own voice and confirm the cassette's contents. Said Flynn: "I'd like to accommodate you, but one answer lays me open to a lawsuit. Is there no other way? I'm not ready to answer."

But the court, at Shaked's insistence, decided to hear the entire cassette. Flynn's voice finally came over muffled but understandable. The judges and the defence were also handed a typescript of the recording.

A voice on the cassette said: "...there is nothing about the docu-

ment that is necessarily forged. As a result of this case I am more sceptical."

Shaked to Flynn: "Do you confirm your voice?"

Flynn: "I would like to cooperate, but I can't. Is there no other way?"

Levin: "OK, so that's his answer."

When Shaked asked that the cassette be entered into evidence, Sheftel objected that it did not fulfill the six requirements laid down by law for the admission of recorded evidence. Shaked countered that these were only necessary when a recording is disputed. "But Mr. Flynn yesterday even requested that the cassette be played to him."

But Sheftel persisted in his objection. "Just as you can make a photomontage, you can also make a voice-montage."

To consider the issue, the judges called a recess, which lasted for almost three hours. Shortly after 12, Judge Dalia Dorner announced that the court had decided to overrule the defence objections and accept the cassette into evidence. The decision also noted that Nishnic's threat to sue Flynn could constitute an offence and should be investigated.

Mapam finds 'another Shoshana Miller'

'Gov't ignored court on conversion'

By DVORAH GETZLER

Post Knesset Reporter

The Interior Ministry operates against the express orders of the High Court, and against the laws of the state, Mapam's Chaika Grossman alleged yesterday in the Knesset.

Grossman, discussing what may well turn out to be a second Susan Miller case, was querying the ministry's policies for registering new immigrants who are converts to Judaism.

The case Grossman cited is that of Lilian Zarkus, an immigrant from Argentina who was converted by the Buenos Aires communal rabbi before December 1983. When the woman applied for an identity card at the population registration office in Ashkelon, she was referred to the rabbinate on the grounds that the population registry could not pronounce on her Jewish nationality or religion until the rabbinate had verified her conversion.

The facts, admitted Transport Minister Haim Corfu, answering for the Interior Ministry, were basically correct, although, he added, it was only last July, after being in the country for some 18 months on a special visa, that Zarkus had sought immigrant status.

In that case, said Grossman, the population registry office was ignoring the High Court's order given at the request of Reform convert Susan Miller, who, it had ruled, must be issued with an ID card. Further, said Grossman, certain Knesset members had unsuccessfully tried to introduce a law making overseas conversions of new immigrants subject to rabbinical court approval here. But that was what the ministry was in fact doing.

The Citizens Rights Movement's Shulamit Aloni asserted that the Zarkus case was but one of many. The ministry was making a system of

the necessity for me to stay."

Awad said that while he preached non-violence to Palestinians, he did not attempt to impose his views on those who support violence. "I am a vegetarian, but I don't tell you to stop eating meat. You have a right to eat it or not. In the same way, hopefully when (Palestinians) see the strategy of non-violence, they will be able to say: this method empowers us and makes us strong. We are willing to do it."

Awad later told *The Jerusalem Post* he could not openly condemn the PLO's "armed struggle," because this would be interpreted by Palestinians as blanket condemnation of the PLO; he in fact supports the organization.

In response to a question whether his calls for civil disobedience were incitement to civil rebellion, Awad

said: "If civil disobedience is incitement, I accept it." He said Palestinians should be prepared to defy unjust laws and go to jail.

Awad said his personal struggle had reached the Israeli political arena, where it has raised broader questions on the status of Jerusalem and its Palestinian population, and on democracy in Israel. "I'm using the democratic process, and they hate it. But can democracy continue while they are occupying another people? It's a struggle within Israeli society and the Knesset."

Awad, who as an American citizen has received U.S. diplomatic support, said that "if (the Americans) really want to make a fuss, they will have to stop writing cheques (to Israel), so that the Israelis feel strongly that it is worthwhile for me to stay here."

Economica bleach could be harmful

Health Ministry probes carcinogenic chlorine

By JUDY SIEGEL

Post Science and Health Reporter

The Health Ministry this week began to collect samples of chlorine bleaches (Economica) sold here for testing at the Israel Standards Institute to find out if they contain a suspected carcinogen, sodium bichromate, which is sometimes used to give the cleaning product its yellow colour.

But the ministry added that bleaches produced by "well-known companies" have not used the colouring agent for years, and there is "no reason to stop using their product."

Dr. Yosef Marzouk of the ministry's control laboratories in Jerusalem told *The Jerusalem Post* that even if it is a carcinogen, the "heavy metal salt does not evaporate into the air, does not pass through the skin and could be harmful only if the bleach is swallowed, which you obviously shouldn't do anyway." The bleach itself produces the odour, but the colouring agent does not enter the air, he repeated.

Nuzhat Katzav of the Histadrut's Consumer Protection Authority recently pressed Health Minister Shoshana Arbeli-Almosino to check into reports that bleaches contain a colouring agent that causes cancer. She also released a statement to the press warning about the possible danger of the chemical and demanding to know which bleaches contain it.

The ministry spokesman last night criticized Katzav for "creating a false panic in the public." He said that five months ago, the ministry itself received a recommendation from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration that bleaches with sodium bichromate not be used. It began to investigate the question and found that the colouring agent is used, if at all, only by small bottlers



Edward N. Nishnic (J. Arzi/Media)

Following the decision, Shaked said that he had completed his cross-examination. Dismissing the witness, Levin said: "We thank you and we are very sorry you got into this unusual situation. We hope it will end well."

Said Flynn: "I thank the court."

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IBA STRIKE

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The journalists therefore refused yesterday to approve the agreement under which the National Journalists' Association would join the Institute for Agreed Arbitration. This despite the fact that, earlier yesterday morning, Finance Minister Moshe Nissim along with Education Minister Yitzhak Navon and Housing Minister David Levy, who were appointed by the cabinet to follow the dispute, approved the IBA's signing of the agreement.

Labour ministers, meanwhile, at their weekly meeting last night, accused the Likud and IBA management of deliberately prolonging the strike for political reasons.

The journalists, on leaving their meeting with Porat, claimed the director-general was lying, and said there was no point in continuing the discussion. They will report to their striking colleagues tomorrow morning at a general meeting.

IBA management rejected the journalists' accusations.

In a meeting with Navon earlier last night to explain the new plans, the management said that, due to the cost of the strike, which has now reached NIS 28 million in lost revenues, there was no alternative but to introduce these changes.

Haim Yavin, head of television, said the major change introduced by his plan, which was also presented earlier yesterday to the IBA executive, would be the use of new video equipment for the news department. This, he said, would end the previous reliance on material recorded on film.

The Mahat news programme, meanwhile, would be divided into two parts, each lasting 15 minutes. At 9.00 p.m. the first broadcast would be devoted to hard news while the second bulletin at 10.30 would focus on one or two central issues. In addition, news bulletins are planned for 5.30 p.m. and 8.00 p.m. and at the end of other programmes, should the need arise.

Yavin stressed that these plans are for an experimental 2-3 month period. Also included in the plan is an interview programme three times a week which would replace programmes such as *This is the Time*, *Moked*, *End of Quote*, and *Free Entry*. The programmes featuring the *Verses of the Day* and *Place* would also be dropped.

On Friday night there will be two films, one cinema and one made for television. Inbetween the films, instead of the previous weekly news magazine, there will be a new programme entitled *The People Who Made the Week*.

Yavin said that he hoped these changes would not lead to dismissals although he admitted some sackings may be unavoidable. Yavin added he hoped that with the Treasury's help, agreements could be reached for early retirement and voluntary redundancies.

Chicago's mayor dies after heart attack

CHICAGO (Reuters). — Mayor Harold Washington, the first black to head America's third largest city, died yesterday after suffering a heart attack. He was 65.

Washington, who was elected to a second term last April, had a stormy tenure, entering office as a reformer

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Golan	29	14-23	24
Nablus	56	18-23	23
Safed	38	13-20	21
Haifa Port	68	11-24	24
Tiberias	41	11-24	25
Nazareth	35	15-25	25
Afula	47	7-26	27
Shomron	40	11-24	25
Tel Aviv	57	12-22	23
B-G Airport	55	9-23	24
Jericho	39	11-27	27
Gaza	70	13-22	23
BeerSheva	48	8-24	25
Eilat	29	17-27	29

Yad Vashem may be forced to close doors

By DAVID BAKER

For The Jerusalem Post

The financially troubled Yad Vashem Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority faces closure within the next couple of months if it does not obtain additional funding, one of its officials said yesterday.

Deputy director Reuven Dafni told *The Jerusalem Post* that the current budget of NIS 2 million, of which NIS 1.5m. is provided by the Education Ministry and the remainder by the Jewish Agency, does not even cover the salaries of the 70 people employed there.

Yad Vashem is seeking an increase of over 200 per cent from the ministry and the agency. It is also requesting an additional NIS 1m. to cover its current debts.

'Moscow refusniks beaten, arrested'

By DAVID BAKER

A number of refusniks were

beaten up and sentenced to jail after KGB men violently disrupted a Moscow demonstration Tuesday calling for increased emigration to Israel.

A spokesman for the Israel Public Council for Soviet Jewry said that authorities whisked seven refusniks away shortly after they started their protest near Ovir, the Soviet emigration office. The seven were later hit in the kidneys, the spokesman said.

LABOUR

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World Zionist Organization.

The Labour central committee is scheduled to meet this afternoon, and party leaders expect the agenda to include the election of a candidate to replace Lewinsky. MK Simcha Diniz appears to have an edge over MK Mordechai Gur for the nomination.

Lewinsky's candidacy was rejected by the Diaspora fund-raisers in the Jewish Agency last month, a move which created the potential for a major confrontation if Labour manages to get Lewinsky elected at the forthcoming Zionist Congress.

Last week party leader Shimon Peres appointed a top-level committee to examine the problems created by Lewinsky's candidacy and consider various options for resolving them.

Pretoria envoy calls for re-evaluation of Israeli ties

By BENNY MORRIS

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

South Africa's ambassador to Israel, Edward Antoine Loubser, on Tuesday called for a re-evaluation of Israel's recent anti-Pretoria decisions and generally condemned sanctions against South Africa as "illegitimate" and counter-productive.

Speaking in Haifa to former South Africans living in Israel, Loubser, referring to the inner cabinet's sanctions decisions of last March and September, said: "Long-term relations cannot be changed by a mere stroke of the pen or dogmatic rules. We must distinguish, on the one hand, between administrative decisions taken by the government and, on the other hand, the long-term perceptions of a people."

Loubser went on to "pray for un-

derstanding and a serious stocktaking of the value of existing relations and past common experiences against the risks of dancing to the tune of fiddlers who are foreign to the real issues which are at stake."

Loubser left his audience in no doubt about who he regards as the villains of the piece. He spoke of "the pressure...put on (Israel) earlier this year due to the Comprehensive Anti-apartheid Act of the U.S. Congress, which was meant to intimidate Israel in its relations with the Republic." Pretoria, he added, was "alarmed" by "the pressure" put on Israel "by certain foreign interest groups."

Loubser said that the pro-Zionist tradition and history of South Africa began with Jan Smuts, whose "paternal aunt, Helena, was my maternal great-grandmother. It all sounds very distant, I know, but the fact is

that I am aware of a special obligation towards Israel."

In speaking of "the similarities between our two countries," Loubser noted that both face the problem of terrorism, from the PLO and the African National Congress (ANC). Loubser noted that the two organisations were linked, and quoted Ali Halmeh, the PLO's representative in Zimbabwe, who "recently explained his organisation's support for South African underground groups."

Halmeh, according to Loubser, said: "It is necessary for the PLO and the liberation movements in southern Africa to work together to exchange information on their struggles and their plight because we are convinced that the collapse of the South African system will lead to the destruction of the Zionist state in the Middle East."

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World hails arms accord; more talks ahead

Politicians and commentators around the world yesterday breathed a sigh of relief that the Soviet Union and the U.S. had hammered out a treaty to scrap their medium-range nuclear missiles.

But some of the reaction was muted, with commentators stressing the treaty to be signed by U.S. President Ronald Reagan and Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev at their Washington summit next month covered only a tiny fraction of the superpowers' nuclear arsenals.

They also said the fate of the intermediate-range nuclear forces (INF) pact hinged on ratification by the U.S. Senate. Already, a number of conservative Republican senators had yesterday lined up tentatively against the emerging treaty. Ratification requires the approval of 67 senators if all 100 vote.

But U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz, meeting with NATO allies in Brussels yesterday, expressed confidence that the administration would win Senate approval. "I don't have to defend myself," Shultz said at a news conference.

The critics have to defend themselves. This is a good step in a positive direction.

Shultz said the treaty would force

the Soviets to eliminate about 1,500 deployed warheads, compared to about 350 on the U.S. side. He acknowledged the procedures for guarding against Soviet cheating were not airtight but said, "nothing is 100 per cent perfect."

At a separate Geneva news conference, Shevardnadze called the treaty "a triumph of peace" and "of tremendous importance for the world." He voiced hope "a political thaw is starting which may lead to a change in the political climate on our planet."

It took four meetings between Shultz and Shevardnadze over less than three months to work out the terms of the treaty. U.S. and Soviet negotiators also grappled with the accord for 2 1/2 years.

Despite its significance, the arms treaty covers only a small part of the two superpowers' vast nuclear arsenals. The deal to scrap more than 1,000 missiles — the entire class of intermediate-range nuclear forces (INF) — was struck in just one of five separate superpower negotiations taking place in Geneva.

Although the INF pact will eliminate only some 4 per cent of the U.S.-Soviet nuclear arsenals, negotiators remaining in Geneva hope

the deal will accelerate the pace of their work. Negotiators are still working in Geneva on:

- A 50 per cent reduction in strategic, or intercontinental nuclear weapons. There is general agreement on cutting nuclear warheads to 6,000 on each side.

- Limits on the size, then number, of nuclear test blasts, often used to develop new generations of weapons. Joint nuclear tests will be carried out next year and teams will seek to rework two unratified pacts from the 1970s.

- A ban on the production, stockpiling and deployment of chemical weapons.

- Space and defence weapons. This covers the American Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI), or "Star Wars" plan, and the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty which limits defences against nuclear arms.

But the pact proved that both superpowers wanted, and were able to make the compromises necessary for, an arms deal. Also, the INF pact marked an unprecedented step into the field of on-site inspections to ensure against cheating.

China, itself a nuclear power, said the Washington summit would be a serious test of the will of the super-

powers to end the arms race.

Meanwhile, Soviet disarmament expert Viktor Karpov said there were three possible ways of destroying medium- and shorter-range nuclear missiles. He said that Moscow would prefer to see the missiles blown up in front of inspectors from both countries and Western journalists. The U.S. wants to see the dismantled missiles burned, while experts who took part in disarmament talks at Geneva also proposed that they be smashed by firing them against a target.

British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe welcomed the agreement and said in a statement that NATO had achieved everything it had wanted under the proposed pact. "This treaty will remove the threat to Europe and to the world of four different types of Soviet missiles," he said.

In Rome, a diplomatic adviser to Italian Prime Minister Giovanni Goria described the Geneva agreement as "the coronation of a long negotiation process."

In West Germany, where government leaders quickly welcomed the Geneva breakthrough, the conservative *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* said the agreement had wors-

ened Western European security. "Nato has had an important option removed from it," the daily said. "Pershing-2 and cruise missiles were the only weapons which could threaten Soviet territory directly from European soil. After their removal, an important rung on the 'ladder of escalation' is missing."

In Britain, the right-wing *Daily Telegraph* commented: "The governments of Western Europe are now resigned to the INF treaty, rather than enthusiastic about it... They perceive that their own difficulties are increased by the need to achieve either politically unpopular nuclear enforcements or financially costly conventional ones, to maintain the military balance in the wake of the INF withdrawals."

Poland's Communist Party newspaper *Trybuna Ludu* said: "Europe and the world have achieved a success. We are nearing the first agreement in European post-war history to reduce the number of mass destruction weapons... Let us hope that the Soviet-U.S. treaty will be the beginning of a large process limiting and eliminating weapons of mass destruction and later on also other types of weapons." (Reuters, AP)

Unlikely Soviet celebrity

GENEVA (Reuters). — Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze gained Kremlin recognition as a police chief battling a well-entrenched black-market mafia in his native Transcaucasian republic of Soviet Georgia.

He seemed an unlikely figure to head the international charm offensive launched by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev when he became Communist Party general-secretary in March 1985.

Shevardnadze was scarcely known north of the Caucasus. But he quickly learned the diplomatic and public relations skills in his new job to emerge as a key player on the world stage.

On Tuesday, the 59-year-old ex-police chief struck a historic deal with Washington to scrap more than 1,000 superpower missiles. Experienced Western diplomats say Shevardnadze firmly established himself as an expert, yet flexible negotiator, with a deep knowledge of complicated world issues.

His tall, elegantly-clothed figure, sweeping forehead and shock of white hair made him easily recognized in the dozens of world capitals he has visited.

The contrast with his predecessor Andrei Gromyko, the Kremlin's foreign policy overlord for three decades, could hardly be more striking. Gromyko, not too affectionately dubbed "grim grim" by foreign diplomats in Moscow and clearly the terror of his staff, had a wry sense of humour but rarely showed it.

Despite long exposure to the ways of the West, Gromyko paid little attention to the press and when he talked he preferred to lecture. By contrast, when Shevardnadze emerged from negotiating sessions with U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz in Geneva, Washington or



Eduard Shevardnadze (AFP)

Moscow, he would happily stop to talk to reporters.

In Washington in September, he leaned back in his chair and grinned mischievously at the roomful of U.S. journalists. "I hope you influential people will be able to bring pressure on the Pentagon to be reasonable," he said with a sly sideways wink at a laughing aide.

Minutes later he fielded a hostile question on human rights in the Soviet Union without a blink, responding: "Like you, we have our bureaucrats, and many of them have yet to learn that times have changed."

Although always urged by aides to hurry on to his next appointment, he rarely ignores a question, and often steps back to the microphones after he has started heading for the door.

When he was appointed to replace Gromyko in July 1985, the Moscow rumour mill promptly declared him an interim minister. Anatoly Dobrynin, the veteran Kremlin envoy to Washington, brought back to Moscow at the same time, was likely to be the de facto minister, the conventional wisdom then ran.

Even a year later, Shevardnadze was rumoured to be preparing to switch to head the Committee of State Security or KGB as part of an overall Kremlin reshuffle.

Soviet 'darkness' has passed

MOSCOW (AFP). — Internationally renowned violinist Sir Yehudi Menuhin said the "time of darkness has passed" in the Soviet Union, but added that it "will take time for the sun to rise" in an interview on recent Soviet reforms released Tuesday by the *Moskovskaya Pravda* daily.

The 71-year-old violinist who was born in New York of Russian-Jewish parents, is currently touring the Soviet Union as part of his fourth visit to the country.

In an earlier interview with Agence France-Presse on his impressions of changes in the Soviet Union, he said there was "a deep shift in the way of thinking by the Soviet people."

Cuban rioters take 25 more hostages

ATLANTA (AP). — Rioting Cubans seized 25 more hostages in a prison hospital early yesterday after freeing two ailing hostages, authorities said.

Meanwhile, Cuban prisoners holding 28 captives in Louisiana were confronted by a special police team with fire hoses.

A Federal Bureau of Prisons spokeswoman in Washington said that 94 hostages were being held at the U.S. penitentiary in Atlanta. She said that while one group of inmates released five hostages — the first to be freed for reasons other than medical problems — another group entered the prison hospital, seizing another 25. Two ailing hostages had been released Tuesday. One of the 25 seized there was released because of a medical problem.

Meanwhile, FBI agents came outside the prison and summoned a group of television reporters they said had been requested by the inmates, apparently for a new round of negotiations.

Both uprisings were sparked by the announcement Friday that Cuba had agreed to let the U.S. deport 2,565 undesirable Cuban refugees. Most are criminals or mentally ill, who came to the U.S. in the 1980 exodus from the port of Mariel.

The number of inmates in Atlanta surrendering also continued to grow. But warden Joseph Petrovsky said negotiations for the release of the hostages stalled as inmates disagreed among themselves on their demands or representatives for the talks. Prison officials began moving about 200 American inmates in the Atlanta facility to other federal prisons "mainly for their own safety," the spokeswoman said.

She said "hundreds" of Cuban inmates who surrendered were being kept in the Atlanta prison. In Louisiana, a special weapons and tactical team dispersed about 30 inmates who had been taunting guards at an entrance to the building, the only part of the Oakdale Federal detention centre not controlled by inmates.

Yeltsin stripped of post, admits he made errors

MOSCOW (AP). — Former Moscow Communist Party leader Boris N. Yeltsin appeared unsteady and ashamed of himself at a City Party meeting at which he was stripped of his position, a newspaper report said Tuesday.

The lengthy article in *Sovetskaya Rossiya* by V.A. Zlatovitskiy, a member of the party's policy-making central committee, appeared aimed at squelching speculation that Yeltsin's comments at the meeting had been suppressed.

The outspoken 56-year-old Yeltsin, had been one of the strongest supporters of Mikhail S. Gorbachev's policies of greater openness and efficiency.

But at a meeting of the central committee on Oct. 21 he criticized the pace of reforms and the party's style of leadership under Gorbachev. He offered to resign.

Yeltsin's critical speech has not been released because it was made at a closed meeting of the party hierarchy, the government has said.

Despite all-knowing skeptics who say Yeltsin presented a full programme to the meeting, Zlatovitskiy said it was impossible to draw any system of views from his presentation.

All of Yeltsin's comments to the Moscow Communist Party meeting were published in the official press, but the comments of some other speakers were summarized, he said.

The official press quoted Yeltsin as saying, "I am very guilty before the Moscow party organization, very guilty before the City Party Committee, and certainly I am very guilty before Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev, whose prestige in our organization, in our country, and in the whole world is so high."

Shi'ites, PLO trade gun-fire

BEIRUT (Reuters). — Heavy fighting flared between Shi'ite gunmen and Palestinian guerrillas defending a sprawling Beirut refugee camp in a new breach of a fragile truce yesterday, Palestinian sources said.

The two sides exchanged rocket and heavy machine gun fire at the Shatilla camp in the Moslem West Beirut while mortar bombs slammed into the shantytown and surrounding residential districts, the sources said.

The sources said six Palestinians were wounded, including a Palestinian commander who is in serious condition, and a political official. In other developments, three unidentified gunmen yesterday snatched the seven-year-old son of a wealthy Lebanese family on his way to school yesterday.

Police said Bashir Husam Samadi was seized from a car being driven by his Sunni Moslem businessman father in the Bir Hassan area at the edge of Beirut's Shi'ite southern suburbs.

Unlike the cases of some 26 foreigners, believed held by pro-Iranian Islamic militants, the kidnappers are thought to be gangsters and unemployed thugs.

Meanwhile, Lebanese President Amin Jemayel appealed yesterday to West German ministers for financial aid for his war-ravaged country but received no concrete assurances.

Jemayel, on the third day of a six-day visit to West Germany, gave development aid minister, Hans Klein a list of services needing urgent help. Klein's office said in a statement.

Top priority was restoration of energy supplies, provision of medicines and improvements in education.

Growing signs of African famine

Relief agencies gearing up

NEW YORK (AP). — Relief agencies are gearing up to fight another African famine, hoping their hard-won experience will contain the crisis without harrowing pictures of starving children, without hungry people leaving their land, without people dying.

"While we are certain that people will die, we do not anticipate the great extent of last time," said Beth Griffin of Catholic Relief Services.

Neither can the relief organizations count on the great outpouring of cash that eased the famine of 1984 and 1985.

"I'd hate to think you have to have pictures of dead kids to elicit that reaction — because that's what we'll have in a few months," said Willet Weiss, Africa regional director for Save the Children Federation Inc.

"I cannot conceive that the American public which did so much in 1984 and 1985 would now let those children die." The World Food Programme reported last week that Ethiopia, Mozambique, Malawi, Angola, Somalia and Sudan need 2.3 million tons of food this year, about twice as much as has been pledged by donor countries.

The programme, a UN agency, also reported serious problems in Botswana, Chad, Niger, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zaire, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

More than 5 million people are considered at risk in Ethiopia, at least 2 million in Mozambique. In both countries, relief and development projects have become targets for rebels.

"It's the timeliness of the response that will make a difference. If it takes months to get going, it may be too late," said Mohulatsi Mokeyane, director of the African programme for the American Friends Service Committee in Philadelphia.

Although the numbers at risk in Ethiopia approach the 6 million affected by the earlier famine, the agencies are more confident of their ability to respond.

"One of the things that is different this time around is that not only are the organizations targeted in specific regions, but they have staff in place which is monitoring crop production so we knew a lot sooner that the rains weren't falling and the crops weren't growing," said George Wirt, spokesman for Care.

"This time around, you won't be seeing people losing time to gearing up. What you'll see now is that the pipeline will open up, and instead of 30,000 tons of food going through, you'll get 30,000 to 40,000." A crucial part of the strategy now is to keep hungry people close to their land, working on roads, wells and other projects and being ready to plant next year's crop. Relief agencies do not want starving people congregating in feeding centers.

In 1985, "people left their farms because they had literally nothing to eat," said Wirt. "The effort this time is to prevent the migration and the growth of camps, because experience showed that was where most of the misery happened."

"There is plenty of food. Food is not a problem," said Bart Kull, a spokesman for the U.S. Agency for International Development. "The problem is adequate trucks, and a political resolve on the part of the Ethiopian government and the EPLF to let these resources flow." He was referring to the rebel Eritrean Peoples Liberation Front.

Aid has committed 114,000 tons of food to Ethiopia, in addition to an earlier pledge of 20,000 tons. Kull said. Aid is also investing \$1.2m. in two airplanes and \$1.1m. in truck trailers and spare parts to help move the food into the countryside.

In Mozambique, where the government says it needs 450,000 tons of emergency food, Aid has pledged 150,000 tons. Rudy von Bernuth, programme director for Care, said the guerrillas of the Mozambique National Resistance deliberately attack development projects. Refugees from war in Mozambique have compounded problems for countries such as Malawi, normally a surplus food producer but a drought victim this year, Wirt said. Bob Seipel, president of World Vision Inc., said his agency spent \$71m. in Ethiopia in 1985, but budgeted \$4.2m. this year.

Austrian Embassy backing anti-Semitic retrospective

THE HAGUE (AP). — The Austrian Embassy here confirmed yesterday that it is backing a planned multimedia Dutch retrospective of the works of an anti-Semitic Austrian playwright; in the wake of a Dutch national controversy over anti-Semitism on the stage.

The disclosure came only two days after a Dutch production of West German playwright Rainer Werner Fassbinder's "Garbage, the City and Death" was cancelled over charges by Jewish groups that it contained anti-Semitic elements.

Austrian government funds are being sought by its embassy here for the multi-media retrospective focusing on Austrian journalist and critic

Karl Kraus, according to embassy spokesman Michael Stiegelbauer. The prospectus claims Dutch funding from the national government and the city of Amsterdam. Neither could be immediately confirmed.

Austrian Ambassador Heinrich Pfusterschmid-Bartenstein recently sent the performing arts group Studio Amsterdam a handwritten letter of support for the project. Stiegelbauer told the Associated Press.

The Studio Amsterdam Performances of "Karl Kraus in Process" would include Nazi propaganda films as well as plays containing anti-Semitic remarks, according to a source privy to the project, who asked not to be identified.

WALDHEIM WELCOME. — Afghan refugees dress Austrian President Kurt Waldheim in a traditional cape and turban as he is greeted at the Gandaf Refugee Camp in Pakistan. Waldheim is in Pakistan for a three-day visit. (AFP)



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Exit visas no easier to obtain

OCTOBER 25

The Moscow group Jewish Women Against Refusal launched the first in a series of seminars on Jewish history and Israel, in the home of Elena Krichevskaya. It was attended by more than 50 women. The over-all theme was the history of the Jews since the Russian Revolution. One of the lectures was devoted to the heroic struggle of the Jews in the ghettos within the Soviet Union during World War II. Accounts were given about the Jewish communities in Western Russia destroyed during the Holocaust, based on interviews with survivors. Messages were read from Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel and Martin Gilbert, the noted British historian.

The group decided to send a delegation of seven of their members to Rumbuli, the mass-murder site near Riga, to lay a memorial wreath on November 20. They issued a declaration of their intention to keep alive the spirit of Jewish heroism and sacrifice.

Within a few days of the seminar, Elena Krichevskaya and her family were granted their exit visas.

OCTOBER 26

Former Prisoner of Zion Evgeny Lein, a 48-year-old mathematician, his wife Irina, 48, a biochemist, and their son Alexei, 16, who first applied to emigrate to Israel from Leningrad in 1978, received yet another refusal 10 days ago. Over the years, the Leins have been subjected to arbitrary refusals on the pretext of 20-year-old "secrecy."

According to Ovir, the obstacle to the departure was Evgeny's work prior to 1968. During the years 1965-68, he had a second-degree security clearance. This is the one generally given to any specialist working in research and development that does not involve any real access to classified information, and any limitations it imposes are only operative for three years.

Prior to his application for a visa, Evgeny worked in "open" institutes, where he never had access to classified information. During the nine years since he applied for a visa, he has worked as a watchman, a stoker, and a private tutor in mathematics.

The Leins are separated from their daughter, Nehama Levinov, and their granddaughters, who are living in Jerusalem.

Address letters to the Leins at: USSR, Leningrad, Engleska 135, Apt. 21.

OCTOBER 27

Five former Prisoners of Zion, Leonid Volvovsky, Vladimir Kislik, Alexei Magarik, Alexander Kholmiansky and Yosef Begun, went to the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet with a letter demanding that all former Prisoners of Zion be rehabilitated. The letter, requesting that they all be officially declared innocent, was also signed by former Prisoners of Zion Boris Chernobitsky, Roald Zelichenok and Felix Kochubievsky.

One of the former Prisoners commented: "It is a very significant principle. We are not in fact criminals who were pardoned; we are all of us campaigners who broke no laws, but were imprisoned falsely, as were so many of Stalin's victims."

OCTOBER 31

A series of four successful recitals of Jewish music have been held unofficially in private apartments in Leningrad. The performers included Vera Elbert, Yakov Khamin and Grigory Nisbantz, who sang Israeli songs. There were also recitations of Hebrew poetry. Both refuseniks and non-refuseniks have repeatedly requested the authorities to allow the use of local premises for their cultural activities, but so far to no avail.

The initiators of the Lovers of Jewish Music Society have addressed a petition to Mikhail Gorbachev and the minister of culture. To date there are 70 signatories to this. Today, Leningrad activists Boris Shepizman and Semion Dyskin

Enid Wurtman continues her report on the plight of Soviet refuseniks with the aid of details supplied by the Israel Council for Soviet Jewry Education and Information Centre, The Long Island Committee for Soviet Jewry, Jews in the USSR (London), Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry, the 35's group and other sources. The dates indicate when the reports were received.



JEWISH WOMEN AGAINST REFUSAL - Top row (from left): Ada Lvovskaya, Maria Balashinskaya-Abramovich, Elena Dubinskaya, Rimma Yakir and Evgenia Lukatskaya. Bottom row: Mrs. Lieber (visitor from Australia), Victoria Lifshitz, Inna Uspenskaya, Rosa Ioffe, Elena Krichevskaya, Yudit Larie and Victoria Khassina. (Israel Public Council for Soviet Jewry)

went again to the department of culture in the Prunze district to remind chairman Fedosova of their need for facilities for a Jewish music club. The discussion developed into a heated argument and Fedosova called the militia to arrest the two activists, who were severely reprimanded at the local militia station before being allowed to return home.

EMIGRATION STATISTICS: 912 Jews left the Soviet Union in the month of October.

NOVEMBER 1

Igor Tufeld of Jerusalem has issued the following appeal on behalf of his parents, who have been in refusal in Moscow for more than a decade:

"My mother, Isolda Tufeld, suffers from a recurrent brain tumour. Her life is in danger. According to the oncologist treating her, an operation is needed urgently, but it cannot be performed in the Soviet Union for technical reasons. She therefore wishes desperately to go abroad to obtain the medical treatment she requires. My parents have appealed to Mikhail Gorbachev and to the Soviet minister of health, E. Chazov, but thus far their numerous appeals have been cruelly ignored. "Both my mother, who is bedridden, and my father, who suffers from spinal complications, have been separated from me for 10 years. They have never seen their grandsons, who were born in Israel. "I hope that, with your assistance, my mother will not have to share the sad fate of other critically ill refuseniks who never lived to see their nearest and dearest in Israel."

Letters can be addressed to the Tufelds at: USSR, Moscow B-120, Chkalova 41/2, Apt. 242.

NOVEMBER 2

A collective letter signed by 62 refuseniks and addressed to Andrei Gromyko and Mikhail Gorbachev was delivered to the Supreme Soviet today by a delegation of Soviet Jews denied exit visas on the pretext of "secrecy."

They note that for almost a month they have been conducting dialogue with the deputy director of the reception room of the Supreme Soviet. V. I. Zabeznov, in an attempt to obtain replies to their appeals to the commission on emigration matters, many of which have remained unanswered for more than six months. The letter pointed out that Zabeznov's public promise of a reply by October 30 had not been fulfilled.

The meeting in the reception room developed into a demonstration, the refuseniks producing banners and placards reading "Visas to Israel," "We Demand Answers to our Appeals," "Once Again You Have Deceived Us," and so on. Zabeznov tried to appease them, but when they threatened to move the demonstration outside the Supreme Soviet, he told them that five refuseniks had been granted exit visas (including Victor Fulmakht, Alexander Sorin, Alexander Gandman and Boris Meyerson) and five refusals were confirmed (including Yudit Ratner and Leonid Bialy until 1992, Benjamin Charney until 1995, Eduard Nagorny until 1992, and Svetlana Kredoova Terlitsky for an unspecified period).

NOVEMBER 3

The Kremen family first applied for exit visas in 1974. Mikhail's parents died aliya in 1973. His father died in 1978, and his mother in 1983, without seeing their son or grandchildren again. Mikhail, 50, a radio engineer, has not had any professional employment since he first submitted an application 13 years ago, and has had to take odd jobs as an electrician, photographer, sewing-machine mechanic, etc. His wife Galina, 46, a "medical laboratory technician, has also not been able to secure suitable work.

In 1976, Kremen served a 15-day sentence on charges of "malicious hooliganism" following a sit-in with other refuseniks at the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet. Eleven years later there is still no indication when Mikhail's security classification will expire.

Because of their uncertain future, Galina and their sons, Alexander, 22, and Evgeny, 17, submitted separate applications for exit visas, but were told by Ovir to withdraw them as "it is not our policy to separate families."

The Kremen family's address is: USSR, Moscow 111537, Molotovykh 11/2, Apt. 64.

NOVEMBER 5

Permission to repatriate to Israel has been granted officially to Ida and Aba Taratuta, prominent Leningrad activists, after a 14-year struggle. They hope to reunite with their son Mishka in Israel at the end of December.

NOVEMBER 7

To coincide with the 70th anniversary of the October Revolution, a one-day hunger strike was held in Moscow, Kanas, Leningrad and Riga by several hundred refuseniks in protest against their forced detention in the Soviet Union.

NOVEMBER 7

Hundreds of Jews from Moscow, Leningrad and other cities gathered in Minsk to mark the 46th anniversary of the massacre of thousands of Jews there during World War II. Minsk has the only monument in the USSR which explicitly mentions Jewish victims of the Holocaust. Speeches were made about the Holocaust and its victims and about present-day anti-Semitism.

After the ceremony, a group of former Prisoners of Zion banded together with local Jews to form a registered society, in accordance with Soviet law, for the preservation of the monument, which is in bad need of restoration.

NOVEMBER 9

Former Prisoner of Zion Leonid (An) Volvovsky was invited to Ovir in Gorky and informed that his daughter Kira, 19, is to be granted an exit visa. Leonid, Mila and Kira

Volvovsky first applied for exit visas 13 years ago. Leonid, a computer scientist, was immediately dismissed from his position at the Research Institute of Complex Mechanization and Automation in the Oil and Gas Industry, returning to Moscow to live. He taught himself Hebrew. He soon became well-known as an excellent Hebrew teacher, consequently being persecuted by the KGB.

He was involved over the years in a great variety of Jewish cultural and religious activities, and in due course became observant himself and led many of his students to follow his example.

In April 1980, Leonid was arrested and detained in Kishinev for 30 days on the pretext of vagrancy. The charge was subsequently dropped, but later that year the Volvovskys lost their Moscow residence permit and were forced to return to Gorky. Mila, Leonid's wife, was also granted Israeli citizenship that year.

In 1983, a search was conducted in the Volvovskys' home in Gorky, and among the many things confiscated were their Israeli citizenship certificates. From then on, they were subjected to harassment by the KGB, and became a target of widespread anti-Semitic threats.

In June 1985 Leonid was arrested, and on his conviction of "defaming the Soviet state and social system" was sentenced to three years in a labour camp in the Yakutsk region.

On his release in March this year, he, Mila and Kira reapplied to repatriate to Israel, only to receive another refusal valid until 1992.

Therefore Kira decided to apply separately, and today was officially granted permission to leave the Soviet Union, receiving a Soviet passport instead of the usual exit visa. She hopes to arrive in Israel in the near future.

Address letters to the Volvovsky family thus: USSR, RSPSR, Gorky 603081, Krilova 14A, Apt. 115.

NOVEMBER 10

Anna Kholmiansky, 27, ended her 24-day hunger strike today in Moscow after her father relented, as a result of pressure from the authorities, and signed a document stating that his daughter has no outstanding financial obligations to him. In desperation, Anna began an unlimited hunger strike on October 18 because her father was blocking her family's emigration by refusing to sign a financial waiver.

Anna's husband, former Prisoner of Zion Alexander Kholmiansky, 37, a computer engineer, first applied for an exit visa to Israel in 1978. He was arrested in 1984 on trumped-up charges of hooliganism and illegal possession of arms.

NOVEMBER 10

In response to an article published against them in the Soviet press, Tatiana and Vladimir Dashesky sent a telegram to the head of the information department of the Foreign Ministry, Gennadiy Gerasimov, complaining of a slanderous official statement about them published in Moscow News on November 8. They said that if Gerasimov did not officially disclaim the article, they would be forced to take appropriate measures to defend their rights and their good name.

An astrophysicist Vladimir Dashesky first applied for an exit visa more than 10 years ago. Immediately after first applying for an exit visa, he was forced to give up his prestigious position at the Institute of Terrestrial Magnetism, and since that time has been supporting his family by tutoring high-school students.

This application was refused after almost two years on "secrecy" grounds. Eventually that excuse was dropped, and visas were denied on the grounds that Tatiana's parents refused to consent to her departure.

Vladimir developed a deep interest in Jewish culture. He taught himself Hebrew, became an observant Jew and began teaching young Jews Hebrew and religious texts. He was frequently harassed by the KGB for these activities and last year was summoned to the State Committee on Religious Affairs and accused of organizing religious seminars and meeting with foreigners. He was warned to desist or face the possibility of criminal proceedings.

In May 1987 the Dasheskys received yet another refusal. Tatiana, 29, is a physics teacher by profession. They have three children, Shmuel, 6, Daniel, 5, and Tamar, 4 months old.

NOVEMBER 11

Mark Kagan and other organizers of the memorial event in Minsk on the 7th were summoned to the City Council. Ishkurnov, in charge of cultural affairs, informed the activists that the gathering was illegal even though permission had been obtained for it. He claimed the wreath placed at the monument was provocative as it bore the messages "The Jewish People Cannot Be Destroyed" in Russian, and Am Yisrael Hai Ishkurnov warned them not to hold any such gatherings in future.

Amos crashes out in Brazil

Post Sports Staff and agencies

Amos Mansdorf, seeded fifth, ignominiously crashed out in the first round of the \$516,000 Brazil Open Grand Prix on Tuesday. Mansdorf fell to Brazilian Cassio Motta 3-6, 6-3, 6-0.

Motta, 27, is ranked 104 in the world, some 80 places lower than Mansdorf's present position of 24. The Israeli came through the first set comfortably but suddenly lost control of the match to let the personable Motta—a clay court specialist—get the better of him on Mansdorf's favoured surface, hard courts.

Another seed to fall in the first round was Argentina's Guillermo Perez-Roldan, seeded sixth, he was thrashed 6-2, 6-0 by West German Tori Meier.

But the two top seeds, both vying for the eighth and last spot in the Masters tournament in New York next week both won. Top seeded Andrei Ganev of Ecuador resisted some pressure in the second set before advancing to the second round over American Derrick Rastagno 6-3, 7-6, (7-4), while second-seeded American Brad Gilbert also struggled to a 5-7, 7-4, (7-4), 6-2 victory over Argentine Roberto Sand.

In another first round match Emilio Sanchez of Spain beat Jorge Lencina of Mexico 6-3, 6-4.

Adams through

By JACK LEON

TEL AVIV. Sixteen-year-old Californian Chuck Adams, seeded eighth, upset Sweden's No. 2 seed Conny Falk 5-7, 7-5, 6-2 yesterday in the singles quarter-finals of the Ashkelon leg of the \$25,000 ATP Franklin satellite circuit. Falk, 20, who won the circuit's Jaffa tournament last weekend, is currently ranked 269th in the world with 52 computer points, while the leading American junior has no points at all.

Top-seeded Frenchman Jean-Philippe Fleurbaey defeated Holland's Renger Wouters 6-4, 6-1, but young Israeli third seed Boaz Meirav was extended to 4-6, 7-5, 6-3 by the young Texan Robert Palmer. Sixth-seeded Glen Schwan was also taken the full distance before getting past American qualifier Phillip Wilkenson 5-7, 7-5, 6-2.

In today's semi-finals, Fleurbaey faces Meirav, while Adams plays against the Argentine. The semi-final line-up at the Vancouver Phillips women's development circuit tournament pits Hans Berger against Duhita Coriat in an all-Israeli contest, while Australian Anna Giorgi takes on Leslie O'Halloran of Ireland. Play starts today at 2 p.m. at Ashkelon's TTC courts.

WORLD CUP SOCCER

Israel to play in Oceania again

Post Sports Staff

Israel again open their campaign to get to the finals of a major soccer competition as far from home as is conceivably possible.

It was officially confirmed in Zurich yesterday that Israel will play their qualifying matches in the Oceania group where their main rivals will again be Australia and New Zealand. But even winning the group is not enough to qualify for the finals in Italy. The winner of the next qualifying stage before reaching the 1990 finals, playing against the team which finishes fourth in the South American qualifying group.

A total of 113 countries have entered the draw for the qualifying competition which will eventually send 24 teams to Italy. The qualifying spots allow for 13 for European countries, two for South America and two each for Africa, Asia and Central America to compete for the coveted trophy together with the host nation and defending champions Argentina.

SPORTOTO TIPS

Match	Single	Pern
1. Mac. Haifa v Hap. Lod	1	1
2. Hap. Holon v Bet. Jerusalem	2	2
3. Mac. PT v Shimon	X	X
4. Bet. Tel Aviv v Hap. Beersheba	1	1X
5. Mac. Tel Aviv v Hap. PT	1	1
6. Hap. Tel Aviv v Bet. Yehuda	1	1
7. Hap. Kir Saba v Mac. Netanya	X	1X2
8. Bet. Netanya v Hap. Azor	X	X
9. Hap. Hadera v Mac. Jaffa	X	1
10. Hap. Thoria v Mac. Shimon	1	1
11. Hap. Ashdod v Hap. Ramat Gan	1	1
12. Mac. Yavne v Hap. Yehud	X	1X
13. Hap. Jerusalem v Hap. Bet. Yavne	1	1
14. Mac. R. Amud v Hap. Hafa	X	X2

European Cup campaign under way

Not such a bad loss after all

By DON GOULD

Post Basketball Reporter
TEL AVIV. — "A win is a win is a win and don't change anything in consequence" has seemingly been Ralph Klein's motto this year. Unfortunately it may not be sufficient to carry Maccabi Tel Aviv to the heights to which they are accustomed. The real test comes tonight when Maccabi open their 1987-8 European Cup campaign with a very difficult game, against one of the favourite's for the trophy, the Spanish champions Barcelona.

Contrary to the prevailing impression, Monday night's rather resounding State Cup defeat at the hands of arch rivals Hapoel Tel Aviv may not be such a bad thing after all. It might just have shaken Maccabi out of their rut for although Hapoel are a fairly competent squad Maccabi, playing up to their true potential, should be more than a match for them. Klein must surely have realized that it is vital for Maccabi to balance their offence and to ensure that players who do not pull their full weight in defence be sat down on the bench for longer periods than ever.

It all adds up to an intriguing problem for Maccabi as they face a psychologically geared-up Spanish club who are again having a good

season in their local league. Barcelona lie second but are very favourably placed to take over the top spot since their remaining four games in the first round are all at home. The visitors are spearheaded by their two tall American contract players Norris and MacDowell while at point guard in Solozual they have one of the best on the Continent, a man with a wealth of international experience at both club and national level. This strong trio, however, is supported by the rest in their side Juan Antonio San Epifanio one of the most explosive pure shooters in the business. At 28 he too has played more games than most can remember in international competition and not a few which Maccabi would prefer to forget.

All round a very enticing opening to the long winter basketball fiesta. For those who can't be at Yeh Elyahu for the tip-off at 8.30 tonight there's hope yet that the television and radio strike will have come to an end at precisely the right time.

LINE-UPS	
MACCABI	
4. Willy Sims	24-1.91
5. Mottie Daniel	24-1.96
7. Mottie Aronson	33-1.87
8. Greg Cornelius	30-2.04
9. Mickey Berkowitz	31-1.92
10. Chen Lippin	22-1.84
11. Gidi Katz	19-1.90
12. Doron Jandouss	23-1.93
13. Kevin Magee	26-2.05
14. Yishai Cohen	19-2.04
15. Ken Barlow	23-2.07
COACH: Ralph Klein	
BARCELONA	
4. Jimenez Andreu	22-2.5
6. Antonio Sevilla	28-2.00
7. Juanito Solozual	29-1.85
9. Eugene MacDowell	23-2.03
11. Jose Balado	24-1.91
12. Jorge Soler	18-1.86
13. Ferran Martin	20-1.90
14. Audie Norris	26-2.06
15. Juan Antonio San Epifanio	28-1.99
COACH: Reneas Garcia	

Qadir spins out England

LAHORE (Reuters). — After the first of one-day matches in the World Cup competition, test match batsmen have been finding the going hard as they return to the more rigorous discipline of more extended play. In the first two tests after the World Cup which began here and in New Delhi yesterday, batsmen had an exceedingly miserable day as there were several splendid performances with the ball.

Pakistan leg-spinner Abdul Qadir mesmerised England on a helpful pitch in the first test between the two countries with a devastating nine for 56 - a personal record and the fifth best figures in test history. Qadir weaved his magic spell so brilliantly that England, who won the toss, crumbled to 94 for eight at one stage. They were eventually all

out for 175 and Pakistan were 13 without loss at the close of the opening day.

The little leg-spinner beat his previous best of seven for 96 against England in the fifth test at the Oval last August, and had final figures of 37-13-56-5. Off-spinner Tanzeem Ahmed took the remaining wicket as the spin pair wrought havoc after only 10 overs with the new ball.

England's plight would have been greater but for a gritty 41 by opener Chris Broad and a ninth wicket stand of 57 between batsman Neil Foster (39) and wicketkeeper Bruce French (38 not out).

In New Delhi, eighteen wickets fell on the opening day of the first test between the West Indies and India on a pitch which the rival captains had earlier described as being helpful to batsmen.

At the close, West Indies were struggling on 118 for eight. But they had a 45-run lead over India, who crashed shortly after lunch to 75 - their lowest total in tests between the two countries.

Liverpool storm back to the top

LONDON (Reuters). — Liverpool, inspired by England international John Barnes playing against his old club Watford, hit four goals in 17 minutes on Tuesday night to storm back to the top of the English First Division.

The 4-0 scoreline lifted the former champions two points clear of Arsenal with a game in hand and left

dispirited Watford firmly rooted in the bottom three.

There was a near-full programme in the Scottish Premier Division where League leaders Hearts won 2-1 down to beat lowly Dunfermline 3-2.

Third placed Aberdeen lost ground after being held to a 1-1 draw at home to Hibernian, but champions Rangers had no difficulty winning 3-0 at Morton.

Rangers stay fourth one point behind Aberdeen but seven behind Hearts.

NFL No turkey jokes today

PONTIAC, Michigan (AP). — As the rest of America digs into Thanksgiving Day dinners, the Kansas City Chiefs and Detroit Lions, the two worst teams in the National Football League, will be playing.

And they're in no mood for jokes about turkeys. In addition to being the basis of the national holiday feast, a turkey is synonymous with a loser and the butt of many jokes. The football players don't want to feel like turkeys after today's game.

"You play for pride," said Detroit nose tackle Eric Williams. "You

play for a lot of money, but money doesn't mean beans. On national television, you don't want your family to see what a bad team you are."

Kansas City cornerback Albert Lewis said losing has caused the chiefs some emotional problems. "It's indescribable," Lewis said. "When you step on that football field, winning has to be uppermost in your mind. Right now, when you're 1-9, you have a tendency to think about losing."

Like the Chiefs, the Lions regular players have won just one game in 1987, a 27-17 victory over the Dallas Cowboys three weeks ago. Coupled with a 1-2 replacement record, the Lions are 2-8.

NBA — Tuesday's games: Denver 132, New Jersey 104; Philadelphia 108, Cleveland 104; Detroit 97, Houston 83; Utah 100, Washington 83; (20T) Los Angeles Clippers 123, Golden State 126; Portland Trail 90, Sacramento 94; Seattle 103, Los Angeles Lakers 85.

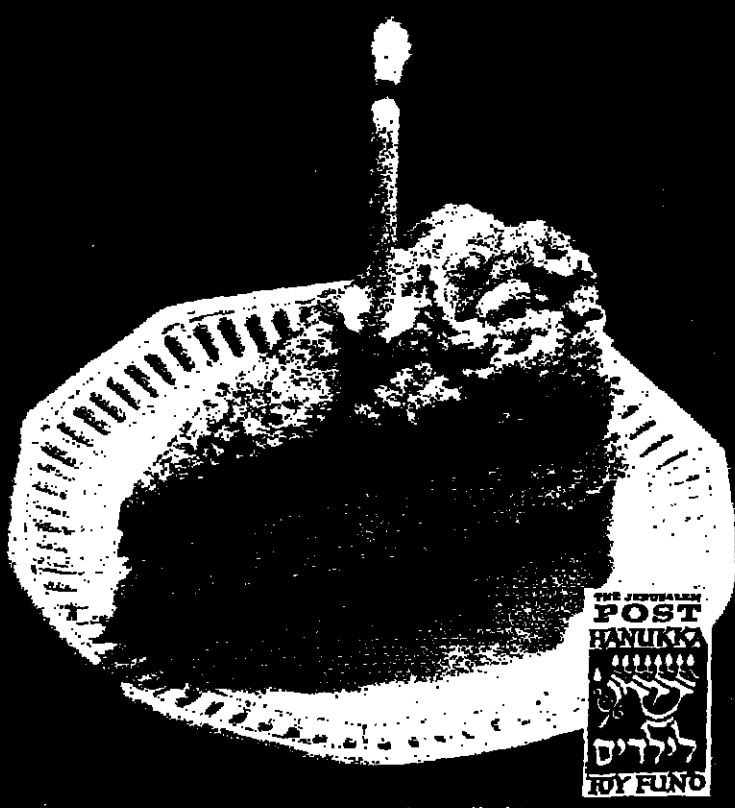
NHL — Tuesday's games: Toronto 4, New York Islanders 3.

European Soccer — A goal after just five minutes by Rui Barros sank Ajax of Amsterdam and earned Porto a 1-0 victory in the first leg of the European "Super Cup" played in front of a 27,000 crowd in Amsterdam on Tuesday night.

The second-leg will be in Portugal on January 13.

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Is socialism in its death throes?

East Europe hit by riots, strikes

By CLAUDINE CANETTI

PARIS (AFP).—Riots in Romania, strikes in Yugoslavia, looting in Poland, Yugoslavia and Hungary—the Eastern Bloc is suffering a wave of discontent so severe as to have some Western observers wondering if socialism is in its death throes there.

"Marx was wrong" was how a commentator for Britain's Conservative *Sunday Telegraph* bluntly put it, and he might find sympathy for that view among those Eastern Europeans feeling the pinch. Crippling foreign debt burdens and chronic shortages of food and energy have led some Communist leaders to prescribe such drastic medicine that they seem in danger of killing the patient.

Poland, faced with a 33-billion-dollar foreign debt, will on November 29 vote on a series of austerity measures which could force food prices up by 110 per cent and energy costs up by as much as 140 per cent. The banned trade union Solidarity has recommended abstaining in what is Poland's first referendum since 1946, and workers in the southwestern city of Wrocław are being urged to draw up alternative measures. Solidarity activists there have organized a series of debates and published reports in the underground press to inform some 50,000 workers of what they see as the true nature of Polish leader General Wojciech Jaruzelski's economic programme.

Meanwhile in Romania two people died on November 15 in the central city of Brasov in riots sparked by wage cuts, officially described as productivity deals, and by widespread shortages of consumer goods and necessities. The shortages have been caused by Romanian leader Nicolae Ceausescu's solution to the country's foreign debt problem—exporting everything exportable. Butchers' shelves have been emptied, bread, flour, sugar and potatoes are rationed, and gas and electricity are cut for several hours a day.

In Yugoslavia, which has a foreign debt of around \$20b., galloping inflation and wide disparities between the industrialized northern provinces (Slovenia and Croatia) and the rural areas of Macedonia, Montenegro and Kosovo has led to simmering discontent. Disgruntled workers launched a series of strikes after an austerity plan adopted on November 15 provoked overnight price rises and a partial wage freeze. The dinar was devalued by 24.6 per cent after losing half its value since September 1, and inflation, projected to reach 220 per cent by January, was limited to between 160 and 170 per cent for the year.

Bulgaria and Hungary have so far been spared civil unrest, but both are also planning cuts. Hungary has the highest per capita foreign debt in Eastern Europe, \$16 b. Plans to increase value-added tax and income tax next year have caused hoarding.

MK Shapira wants banks to refund fees on bank share redemptions

By AVI TEMKIN

Post Economic Reporter
The commercial banks will be requested by the chairman of the Knesset Finance Committee, MK Avraham Shapira, to refund the money they charged as commission to clients who cashed in their bank shares last month. Shapira will tell the bankers a refusal to comply will lead to legislative action forcing them to do so.

The issue of the commissions was raised this week in the committee at the initiative of MK Dan Tichon (Likud). The representatives of Bank Hapoalim and Bank Leumi, who attended the meeting, opposed legislative action, and said that this was not the way to regulate relations between banks and their clients.

Among the commercial banks in which clients held bank shares, only Bank Discount did not charge any commission. Bank Hapoalim charged a 0.5 per cent commission, and Bank Leumi 0.25 per cent. This commission was paid only by those cashing the shares, and totalled NIS800,000 in Hapoalim's case and about NIS 500,000 in the case of Bank Leumi.

Tichon revealed that Deputy Finance Minister Adi Amori had suggested last month that the banks should donate the money they received from the commissions to the Libi fund. But the banks opposed this step. As a result, Tichon maintained, the banks had no other option but to return the money to their clients.



A pair of furniture delivery men with chairs perched on their heads ride to a customer's house in Lahore, Pakistan, this week. (Reuters)

EC to check questionable tax

By AVI TEMKIN

A delegation from the European Economic Community is due to visit Israel on a fact-finding mission on Israel's customs and purchase tax policies. They were invited by the director of the Customs and Value Added Tax Department, Mordechai Barakat, following complaints at the EC about Israeli practices.

The community has complained in recent months about the legality of *tama*, the sun Israeli customs authorities add to the price of some imported goods for the calculation of purchase taxes. This inflates the tax imposed on imported goods. Israel is the only country in which such a practice exists.

"We invited the delegation to show them that everything is perfectly legal and that nobody was cheating on the EC", Barakat said. He added that the delegation will be meeting with representatives of the industrialists and the chambers of commerce, as well as with government officials.

The EC had demanded last September formal clarifications about the *tama* tax, but was not satisfied with the answers supplied by Israel. Among government officials there is concern that if the EC continues campaigning against the *tama* tax, the U.S. will also soon demand explanations and the scrapping of such practices.

They didn't earn their keep

By AVI TEMKIN

Post Economic Reporter
Back in 1981 the government decided to scrap the estate tax. But it decided that estates bequeathed before that date would still be taxable. Then, everybody forgot about the tax, except for the three Treasury workers still employed in calculating the sums to be paid for the legacies left before 1981.

Some weeks ago, Income Tax Commissioner Yair Rabinowitch

made a simple calculation and discovered that the cost of salaries for these three workers exceeds the sums the Treasury was collecting from the old tax.

On Sunday, the cabinet decided to retroactively scrap the estate tax for pre-1981 estates as well. The three employees will from now on start working in the Income Tax Department, where it is hoped, they will bring in more money than paid to them by the government.

THE TAX BURDEN/ Jeff Broide

Meting out tax justice

Good Cause for Not Recording Income

In a recent case in the High Court, the taxpayer was an attorney who had handled the purchase of an apartment by a foreign buyer and had received a cheque in foreign currency that included both professional fees and the stamp and related expenses. Two days later, after receipt of the money during a routine audit by income tax inspectors, the latter discovered that this amount had not been recorded in the books of account and had accordingly invalidated the books, the repercussions of which are severe in income tax terms.

The court, in fact, accepted the claim of the taxpayer, holding that the attorney's behaviour was in accordance with what one would expect from an ordinary or reasonable attorney.

In the case described, the court in fact held that good cause for not recording income received is an objective test, and is dependent on the behaviour of a reasonable taxpayer. In the court's opinion, the good faith of the taxpayer, or the committing of the error in good faith—even negligence in writing up the books of account or ignorance of the law—any of these do not, in fact, constitute a "sound reason".

The test of objectivity is, in fact, to be determined according to factual circumstances of each case and the question to be asked in this or any other case is what should the "reasonable attorney" have done in the circumstances? In the court's opinion, the circumstances which, in fact, determined that the non-recording of the income was based on reasonable behaviour of the attorney, were that this was the first and only time that the attorney received his fees in foreign currency.

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The receipt had to, by rule, be recorded in the books of account in shekels after being broken down into fees and stamp expenses. However, this had not yet been determined between the attorney and the seller and, of course, only two days had passed since receipt of the amount. The appeal of the income tax inspectors was, therefore, rejected and the decision of the lower court upheld.

In another case, also involving a non-recording of income, the son of the taxpayer had been apprehended by income tax inspectors for non-recording of a particular sale, the taxpayer's reason being that he had, in fact, given full instructions to his son that every amount was to be properly recorded in the cash register and the District court, in fact, accepted this as satisfactory and rejected the income tax's claim to the invalidity of the books of account.

However, in the higher court the judges once again held that the test is one of objectivity, that is the behaviour of a reasonable person in the circumstances, and a reasonable person must take account of pressures and other factors in the day-to-day running of the business. Employers need not only explain to the worker that all sale income should be recorded, but the employer should, in fact, ascertain that such worker is, in fact, acting according to his instructions.

Where the son purposely did not record the receipt or where mistakes are common in such a shop, it is upon the taxpayer in such circumstances to show evidence

that the steps taken would, or have, prevented such occurrences. The burden of proof in these cases is, in fact, on the taxpayer. Here the appeal of the tax authorities was upheld.

The Non-Recording of Receipts

What happens where the cash register breaks down? In a recent case before the Tel Aviv District Court, the cash register had, in fact, broken down and the taxpayer had given it in for repairs. When the tax inspectors arrived for a routine audit they found that cash sales were being recorded on a piece of carton.

However, the tax inspectors felt that this was in violation of the tax accounting regulations and treated the books as invalidated (*pasul*) for tax purposes. The judge in the District Court held that generally speaking the non-recording of such sales, even where done in good faith, does not constitute a good reason for the non-recording thereof.

However, in the circumstances of this case, even if a proper cash receipts ledger had not been retained, but the entries had in fact been recorded on a piece of carton, what had been shown was the bona fides of the taxpayer and that a reasonable taxpayer would have acted similarly in such circumstances. Therefore, the court upheld the claim of the taxpayer.

In yet another case before the Tel Aviv District Court, during the tax audit of a mini-market, it was discovered that two cheques that had been received had not been recorded in the cash register. Apparently, the first cheque was received in advance from the customer for future purchases during the month, and as regards the second cheque, it was received for past purchases for the month that had already elapsed.

Here the judge rejected the income tax authorities' claims that the books were invalid, holding that the income tax instructions on keeping proper books of account do not specify how the two cheques in this case are, in fact, to be dealt with and until they do so, the court has no option but to accept the appeal of the taxpayers and accordingly rejected the claims of the income tax authorities.

In yet another case, involving a taxpayer from Holon, three amounts had been received and, according to the tax inspectors, not recorded in the books of the taxpayer. After the judge heard the evidence of both sides, he ruled that the amounts received had been recorded. In this instance the amounts received had in fact been deposited in the bank before the day on which the audit was carried out. This convinced the court that these amounts had been properly recorded.

When Is a Donation to a Public Charity Deemed a Donation?

This interesting question arose in a case that came recently before the Tel Aviv District Court. A synagogue had been granted the tax status of a non-profit-making institution and was, therefore, not liable to income tax. However, attached to the synagogue was a hall for different festive occasions, which was administered by a company that transferred a fixed percentage of its income to the synagogue.

Any couple being married or, for that matter, any other person having a festivity (*simha*) in the hall was also required to donate a fixed amount to the synagogue. Here it was held that the organization and the administration of the hall for *simhas* constituted a business and, therefore, was taxable. In addition, the giving of donations, where based on a fixed amount or percentage as a condition for hiring the hall, did not, in fact, constitute a donation, but was part of the price of the transaction of hiring the hall. Therefore, it was to be treated as such.

It should be noted that these are resumes of various tax court decisions. There are numerous cases that come before the courts and any final conclusions should always be drawn from the full text of the judgment and based on a review of a wide range of judgments.

The writer is a Certified Public Accountant (Israel).

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 & 9 One whose labours should be better rewarded (9,6)
- 10 Piece of kitchen equipment subsequently put into a bundle (5-4)
- 11 A pick-me-up free from stress in the world of music (6)
- 12 One-sided views we may get from people on holiday (9)
- 13 If all I gathered is due from my son (6)
- 17 An insect, since lost (3)
- 19 Wrong information from the bank? Don't you believe it! (6,9)
- 20 Small instrument used for trimming plates (3)
- 21 Reagan in the seat of power (6)
- 25 Spruced up collection of tradesmen (9)
- 26 Retrograde art takes on its characteristics (6)
- 27 No less sure to find out (9)
- 28 Only absorbing physical education in public (6)
- 29 Diffuse sort of screed about a tee-totaler (9)

DOWN

- 2 The bold we had against the French in the Napoleonic wars (6)
- 3 Evidently not some West country domain (6)
- 4 Father's hair stands on end—makes him a social outcast (6)
- 5 Background notes? (10,5)
- 6 It holds on when certain confusion is about (9)
- 7 Specially equipped marine investigator who declines to go to bed (4-3)
- 8 Circular adornments allowed in pairs (9)
- 14 Estimated cost of a job put into inverted commas? (9)
- 15 Not a realist, as Omar Khayyam was when darkness fell (4-5)
- 16 It goes round making singular admissions (9)
- 17 A ship that could be laden with freight for journeys inland (3)
- 18 Turn up at ten for duty, maybe (3)
- 22 A new trend of fervid intensity (6)
- 23 From the sound of it could be silver spirit (6)
- 24 Corrupt passage (6)

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QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Discounts (7)
- 5 Adroitness (6)
- 6 Suggest (6)
- 9 Scott novel (7)
- 10 Undesired craft (9)
- 12 Finish (3)
- 13 Basilly (6)
- 14 Backward (6)
- 17 Hawaiian garland (3)
- 18 Artifice (9)
- 20 Ultra (7)
- 21 Lowest point (6)
- 23 Practical wisdom (6)
- 24 Beseech (7)

DOWN

- 1 Assumed name (6)
- 2 Sprite (3)
- 3 Mercurial resort (7)
- 4 Verve (6)
- 5 Rascal (6)
- 6 Accomplishing (9)
- 7 Massaged (7)
- 11 Shuttlecock game (9)
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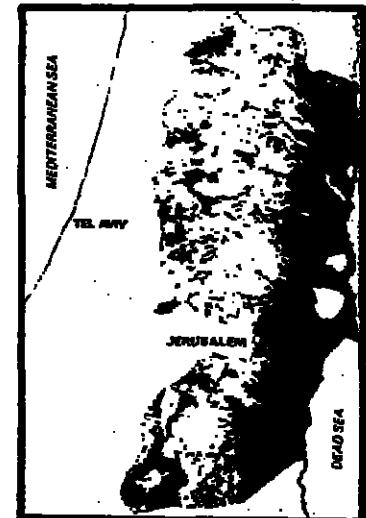
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Porat strikes again

YESTERDAY morning after the ministers, and especially the Finance Minister, agreed to resolve the 50-day old broadcasting strike by arbitration, it seemed as if all that was left for the sides to do before putting the cameras and microphones into action was to drink a toast. But instead they served each other bitter potions, escalating the conflict.

The villain of the piece, as it emerged and as it appeared to the strikers, was Uri Porat, the controversial director general of the Israel Broadcasting Authority.

Binding arbitration, a formula helped along by the timely intervention of David Levy, this week's occupant of the Prime Minister's Office, had seemed to offer both the striking broadcasters and the adamant Mr. Nissim a way to climb down from their uncompromising positions. For agreement to enter into this process meant that while neither side relinquished its claims, the strikers would immediately go back to work and let the arbitrators resolve the issues.

The broadcasters had learned that their leverage does not compare to the coercive force of other labour groups, like hospital staff, electric company workers, or public school teachers. So they were pleased to accept a face-saving end to their walkout. And Mr. Nissim, despite his tough talk, was also feeling the pressure of a public denied its principal entertainment media.

Then came the spanner in the works. Porat, together with the directors of radio and TV, decided that broadcasts would not simply be resumed, but would be changed. Some programmes would be dropped from radio, and TV news, for example, would appear in new abbreviated formats.

The strikers, not informed of the planned changes, cried foul play. Porat, they charged, was trying to cut programming, thereby creating obvious redundancies and preempting the arbitration to which he had ostensibly agreed.

Moreover, the news staff accused Porat of seeking to curtail the entire area of current events and news coverage to please the politicians and to put the stress on popular entertainment in anticipation of the upcoming threat of a second channel.

Porat, and some Likud members of the IBA executive, promptly disputed the journalists' right to "dictate programming," a pure management prerogative. And so it is.

But given the surreptitious manner and the timing of Porat's move, the strikers are certainly justified in assuming the worst in divining his motives. Yet their distrust goes deeper. For relations between Porat and the broadcasting staff soured beyond repair long before the walkout.

Mr. Nissim's financial obstinacy may have prompted this strike, but it is the chasm between the strikers and Porat that has prolonged it. This was evident before. Yesterday's tumult made it obvious.

Now it is for Education Minister Yitzhak Navon to step in and remove Porat's hurdles. It must be assumed that he already made that clear to the director general last night.

THE MORNING AFTER

Let's assume that rotation never happened, that Shimon Peres was still the prime minister, and Yitzhak Shamir was still the foreign minister.

Would there be any serious changes in Israel's policies towards peace? Would Peres as the prime minister be able to try to ram his views about the international conference down the throats of the Likud ministers?

Let's assume that instead of Shamir, it was Peres who visited the U.S. last week, and instead of saying "no" to almost every offer, like Shamir did, Peres would have said "yes." Back in Jerusalem Peres then would have had to face the automatic Likud rejection and subsequent stalemate.

Now, the Likud is thinking of a new slogan for the coming elections: "Don't give the wheel to anyone with two left hands." That means: "Don't let Labour win the elections and rule this country alone; we would like to share it with them."

Labour leaders believe, without admitting it, that it will be almost impossible to form the new government without the Likud. And even if Labour's election slogan will be "Leave the driving to us," most Israelis will intuitively feel that the two big parties are just pretending to fight each other and what they really mean is that the national unity government will continue after the next elections.

And so what we can expect for the next four or five years to come is the same routine: Siamese twins, helplessly tied to each other, cancelling each other out as one says "yes" and the other says "no."

It's reminiscent of the old Jewish folk tale about an old man who had two wives, one old and the other young. The old lady plucked the black hairs from his beard to make him look older, and the young woman plucked the white hairs so he'd look younger. In the end he was left with no beard.

YEHUDA LITANI

ANGLETON

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of the relationships, or about the controversial book *Spycatcher* by Peter Wright in which Angleton figures prominently.

In one of the chapters, Wright describes Angleton's closely guarded CIA-Mossad liaison in which he tolerated no interference. According to Wright, "Angleton's star was fast rising in Washington in the late '50s, particularly after he obtained the secret text of Khrushchev's denunciation of Stalin from his contacts with Israel."

In the afternoon, almost the same crowd gathered at a picturesque spot below the King David Hotel to dedicate the "Jim Angleton corner" overlooking the Old City, a spot he visited and liked in the early '60s when it still bordered on the barbed wire fence that divided the city.

Mayor Teddy Kollek said: "We

commemorate a great friend who saw Israel-U.S. relations through their most difficult period in the 40 years of Israel's existence."

Ambassador Pickering paid tribute to a "great American who nurtured and kept alive the tradition of American-Israeli relations during their lean years."

Cicely Angleton unveiled the black rock which bears the inscription in Hebrew, English and Arabic, "To a dear friend - James 'Jim' Angleton."

The committee that initiated the memorial forest and the Jerusalem Foundation's "Jim Angleton corner" comprised Rabin, Kollek and Manor.

A senior member of Israel's intelligence community recalled how Angleton would always end a meeting with his Israeli contacts with a call, "Keep the faith." That best describes his personality, he said.

The Zionist movement should concentrate on aliya

A modest proposal

Shlomo Avineri

"WHAT SHOULD be the role of the Zionist movement 40 years after the achievement of Jewish independence? Is there a specific Zionist approach to Israel-Diaspora relations?"

These questions will come to the fore once more when the Zionist Congress convenes next month in Jerusalem.

To the first question, there exists only one simple answer: The Zionist movement has today only one role - aliya. The Zionist movement, if it is to have any meaning, should not deal with Jewish education (in the Gola; Zionist information ("hasbara") should not fight Israel's diplomatic battles, but should aim at trying to bring more Jewish people to Israel. If the Zionist movement were to set itself the goal of bringing just 5,000 olim from the United States each year, this is not a wild, unachievable goal: it would, nonetheless, be a major breakthrough.

If concrete target populations can be identified (young people, small business owners) rather than the current undifferentiated talk about aliya, this realistic aim can be achieved. All other organizational activities of the World Zionist Organization and the Zionist Federations in the different countries should be dismantled.

But how can Israel, whose major link with the Gola at the present is almost totally geared to fund-raising, really address the question of aliya? It is obvious that the Israeli leaders, who mainly address Jewish audiences abroad on fund-raising occasions, find it intrinsically difficult to tackle the question of aliya at the same time.

I would therefore suggest a modest proposal: on the 40th anniversary of Israel's independence, let us seriously consider emancipating Is-

rael from direct financial dependence on Jewish philanthropy. The United Jewish Appeal and its affiliates should be abolished.

I call this a "modest proposal" because all world-wide Jewish fund-raising amounts, on an annual basis, to about 2 per cent of Israel's budget. Most Israelis, as well as Diaspora Jews, think that the figure is much higher (try this on your neighbour). Most people, inside Israel and abroad, do not know how small and negligible the contribution of world Jewry is to Israel; most people, even rather well-informed ones, think that Israel is, to a large extent, financially dependent on Jewish contributions from abroad. We are: to the tune of 2 per cent of our budget.

Israel does not need overseas Jewish philanthropy for its survival. This might have been the case in the past, not today. Israel may indeed need American Jewish political support to guarantee U.S. governmental assistance to Israel, which is about five times larger than world Jewish support. But direct Jewish contributions, while certainly important, are not crucial. Israel can live without them.

Perhaps Israel can even enhance its quality of life without these UJA contributions: if we have to trim 2 per cent of our budget, some belt-tightening may have salutary effects on several sectors of Israeli life; Israeli ministers may even have to stay in Israel and run their ministries (and the country) rather than spend so much time rushing from one end of the globe to another to attend fund-raising dinners. The false sense of dependency - and the concurrent feeling of Diaspora leaders that Isra-

el desperately needs them - will be put in a proper perspective.

This may be also for the good of Diaspora communities because at present so much of Jewish life in the Diaspora is centred around fund-raising for Israel that the great reservoir of the Jewish intellectuals is hardly visible in the leadership structures of Diaspora Jewry.

Take the United States: there is no other country with such a concentration of Jewish brains - tens of thousands of Jewish professors, scientists, writers, scholars. Very few of them are among the leaders of American Jewry (Arthur Hertzberg is, perhaps, one of the few exceptions) because the fund-raising world needs business people, not intellectuals.

Jewish communities will also have to raise funds for their own facilities, educational and recreational, directly, not under the Israel-oriented umbrella of the UJA. At present, when in many large U.S. communities more than 50 per cent of UJA funds are spent locally and not transferred to Israel, Israel may be justified in thinking that it is being used by Diaspora leaders for local needs - not the other way round. Those local needs are legitimate, but funds for them should not be raised under the aegis of "helping" Israel.

ONLY WHEN we sever ourselves from the cash-nexus now determining Israel-Diaspora relations, will we be able to address ourselves to the true Zionist agenda, to a people-nexus. For decades Israel consciously decided to forgo pushing for aliya because the financial needs were supreme. Israel is no longer in the dire straits of the 1950s. And when Israel stopped its rampant inflation, this was done with U.S. help: Jewish philanthropy did not and could not help.

READERS' LETTERS

ECONOMIC TIES WITH JAPAN

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, - Your report "Eisenberg and the ballplayers of Japan" (November 13) opens with the dramatic statement: "Suddenly, the Japanese are here." It seems that the efforts of Avraham Tamir of the Foreign Ministry and Dov Lautman of the Manufacturers' Association, who "have been working on it for a couple of years," and those of Shaul Eisenberg, who "spent a lifetime on it," have now finally born fruit.

These gentlemen and their efforts are no doubt praiseworthy, but they are certainly not the first to have discovered the importance of the Japanese economy. The late Shimon Yalon, Minister for Economic Affairs at the Israel Embassy in To-

kyo, maintained close contact some 17 years ago (before and during my tour of duty there as ambassador) with the same Mr. Hanamura who headed the recent delegation to Israel.

Before, during and after the period I am referring to, countless visits were made to both countries by delegations and individual ministers, high officials, parliamentarians, businessmen and leaders of various organizations connected with economic, as well as scientific, cultural and social activities. Many commercial ventures were started, some with success and more ending in disappointments. Lack of constancy, vigour and perseverance in trying to

develop economic relations and above all, our unwillingness, or inability, to adapt our products and our marketing methods to Japanese conditions, explain perhaps better the meagre results than the often difficult political circumstances.

On our side, surely more should have been done. In any case, more could have been learned from our long experience in an area with which it is notoriously hard to deal.

What is really needed in order to improve our economic ties with Japan is not just to rediscover their importance, but to apply fully the lessons of the past.

EYTAN RONN

Jerusalem.

ANNE POLLARD

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, - In your report of November 16, "Anne Pollard is dying," you write that Jonathan Pollard is a convicted Israeli spy. This is incorrect. Pollard is an American citizen who turned his back on his country by selling his country's military secrets. He is an American who was convicted of spying for Israel.

I don't know why you persist in trying to turn the Pollards into martyrs. While I feel sorry for Anne Pollard, both she and her husband are nothing more than traitors who got what they deserved and are where they belong.

VITTORIA PERCELLA

Tel Aviv.

DISABLED SOLDIERS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, - Every morning at six, I pass the tent. It has been there for months, and it is still there, near the prime minister's home. One can barely read the sign, "DISABLED SOLDIERS." Few seem to pay attention to them. The newspapers don't give them any space, and there isn't even anyone to help them write a better sign.

Whatever their demands are, it is a sad commentary on our country that young men who have served and suffered for the rest of us are driven to sleep out in the cold streets in order to voice their plight.

Does anyone hear them?

DIANE FRIEDGUT

Jerusalem.

VIDEO FARE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, - Sarah Honig's new column, "Video fare," is a welcome new sparkle in your magazine. Not only have I learned how to choose a video emporium and what to look for when renting cassettes, but I delight in its serendipitous statistics, viz. the number of VCRs in Alaska and New York City.

Granted I'm still far from being a couch potato myself; but, oh, were it possible in Israel to rent classic American films in glorious black and white (especially the comedies of that mad genius, the marvellous Preston Sturges), I could willingly slouch into carbohydrate land.

H. STEINMETZ

Jerusalem.

WHY SOUTH AFRICAN JEWS DON'T COME TO ISRAEL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, - As a new olech from South Africa, I believe that what Derek Perlman writes in his article of November 10, "New South Africa," is factually correct but is not the real reason why South African Jews do not emigrate to Israel.

I am a retired chartered accountant and about two years ago word got around that officials from the Israeli Department of Finance would address a meeting to recruit South African accountants for their tax department. The meeting in Johannesburg was attended by about 300 to 400 qualified and near-qualified chartered accountants who were eager to hear what was being offered. We were informed that we would have free accommodation at an alpan for five months, after which we would be posted to an office at any city of our choice, for two years, during which time we would work for the administration and be given every opportunity and encouragement to pass the Israeli CPA exams. During this time, we would be paid \$700 per month and after qualifying, would be free to stay on with

the department or take outside employment.

Everyone was very interested and at question time, a young man said he was married and had two small children. He inquired what it would cost him to live in modest accommodation. He was informed that he should bank on \$1,000 per month and he then inquired how he would manage when he was only earning \$700. He was advised that \$700 was already more than the salary he could earn on the open market and that his wife would have to go to work to supplement their income.

He was then advised about rent subsidies or bond assistance that was available to new olim. The figures for this assistance added to the salary available still did not close the gap. With two small children he stated that it would be irresponsible to accept the offer. I, however, was still able to continue with my plans to go on aliya as I was in the fortunate position of no longer having to earn a living.

That in a nutshell is why South African Jews who are very sympathetic to Israel cannot emigrate to

SMUGGLING

papers said, "IMI sought and received full funding for this project from the U.S. Department of Defense under the Foreign Military Sales Credit Programme. However, unknown to Napco, IMI advised that this was a general purpose chrome-plating facility for hydraulic tubes and cylinders, and failed to disclose that the facility would be used to chromeplate 120 mm. cannon barrels.

"The facility was, therefore, to be financed by the U.S. Export licences from the Departments of State and Commerce were still required, however, for shipments concerning the IMI project from the U.S. to Israel."

The contract stipulated that Napco was responsible for obtaining "whatever licences were necessary

for the exportation of technology and equipment to Israel." The court papers said that Napco subsequently informed IMI that no export licences were required.

Israeli officials yesterday insisted that they had accurately informed the Pentagon about the proposed factory. Indeed, they said that they had written documentation to prove that they had not misled the Defence Department, although they refused to make it available. They explained that they did not want to embarrass specific Pentagon officials with whom Israel has a continuing relationship.

Despite the Justice Department's allegations, Israeli officials said they still expect the Pentagon to back up the Israeli version, but as of late last

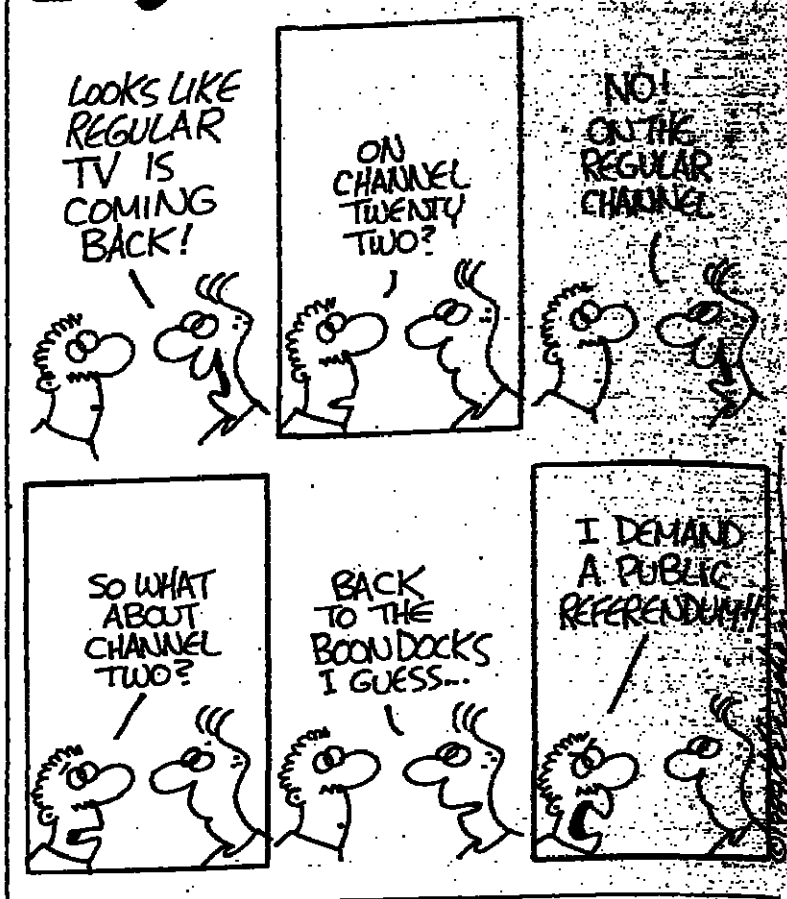
night no such statement had been made.

A Pentagon spokesman, Major Larry Icenogle, told *The Jerusalem Post* that he was still awaiting press guidance from higher-ranking officials.

On October 17 and October 29, 1985, Napco shipped the restricted anodes and other equipment to Israel without the required export licence. On December 12, 1985, U.S. Customs Service agents served search warrants at Napco headquarters in Connecticut and two other locations.

Largely because the incident followed by only three weeks the arrest of former U.S. Naval Intelligence analyst Jonathan Jay Pollard as a spy for Israel, the Napco raid received extensive publicity in the U.S. news media.

Dry Bones



We should aim at more Jewish involvement in Israeli affairs, but this involvement should not translate itself into U.S. Jewish leaders telling "us" how to spend "their" money; nor should involvement mean friendly advice about our political decisions.

Involvement should mean a real people-nexus, foremost, of course, aliya. But it should also mean:

□ every Jewish child should spend at least one year of study in Israel;

□ every Jewish family should spend a "sabbatical" in Israel, not in hotels, but participating in the real, and sometimes abrasive, life of the country;

□ every Jewish family should try to buy a second home in Israel;

□ one should try to do business

with Israel, difficult and expensive as it may be because of our bureaucratic habits; this may be less rewarding than being an honoree at a chicken dinner, but much more important for the Jewish people.

Israel is not the easiest, most pleasant, country to live in, but the love of Israel means we are one and belong here. The Gola has always been the easier option for Jews, and Eretz Yisrael the more difficult one. We, who live here, know that we would like as many Jews as possible to share this difficult - but meaningful - option with us. Perhaps then it may also be less difficult.

This should be the one, and only, agenda for the Zionist Congress.

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POSTSCRIPTS

P.S. THE HEBREW linguist, Avshalom Kor, recently pointed out in a talk broadcast on Army Radio that "The Jewish Agency" is a misnomer. The error derives from a mistake in translating a suggestion by the Mandate authorities, that there should be a Jewish agency (with a small *a*) which would represent the Yishuv and liaise with the authorities on questions arising in the administration of Palestine.

Now that this mistake has come to light, the way is presumably open for this institution to be renamed. Perhaps it would be in order for those who have had first-hand contact with this body to make suggestions for a new name which should, of course, reflect the character of the organization, as they have experienced it.

P.S. AS IPO trombonist Zvi Ostrowski left the Krakow concert hall where the orchestra had performed, he heard an elderly woman demanding to be let in so she could "give something to the children in Israel." The Polish-born Israeli musician convinced a police officer to let the woman in.

The 74-year-old resident of a village near Katowice wanted the orchestra to take back to Israel "The Little Jewess," a picture she had painted during the Second World War when she took in a Jewish child.

When a train transporting Jews to a concentration camp stopped en route a young couple and their child had managed to jump to freedom. The parents were shot immediately, but the woman rescued the child.

"She wouldn't tell me the rest of

the story, except to say that both her husband and the child are no longer living," recalls Ostrowski.

Still exhausted from the trip and busy with rehearsals, Ostrowski has not yet had time to contact Yehoshua or Beth Hatefutsoth to find an appropriate home for the picture, but intends to do so as soon as possible.

P.S. COLLECTORS who gathered at a central English auction house on Tuesday saw their hopes of snatching a royal souvenir crumble before their eyes. The star attraction - a piece of half-eaten buttered toast from the 1981 wedding breakfast of Prince Charles and Diana, Princess of Wales - disintegrated as it was brought out of its bag for the sale.

"When we opened it, the toast just crumbled into dust," said Nottingham auctioneer Nigel Kirk. "I have no idea what it could have been worth because we never had a chance to find out."

P.S. SHOW a man how to avoid tax and he will follow you to the strangest places. *The Times* reports that high-rolling Americans are now discovering the joys of some new tax-free casinos in upstate New York run by Mohawk Indians. The St. Regis Indian Reservation - once described by one Indian as a "little red Peyton Place" - has been turned by the Mohawks into a racy gambling strip.

Because the courts have ruled that the Mohawks and New York's eight other Indian tribes are independent "nations," the state has no authority to enforce its gambling or tax laws on Indian reservations. It is no Rossminster, but these days every cent counts.

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